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“RESPONSIBILITY OF WHETHER CHINA WILL PERISH OR SURVIVE RESTS WITH CHINESE WOMEN”

Madame Chiang Kai-shek Continues Efforts Of Organisation

Chungking, December 19. MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK IS CONTINUING her energetic efforts to organize Chinese women throughout the country to participate in war work. Reporting on her flying inspection trips, she stated in a recent address, before the Chinese Women's Association at Chungking, “After the fall of Hankow, I visited Changsha where I organized the women there in making bedding and clothes for wounded soldiers. I am also sending women workers to various army units and some to villages.

“Unfortunately, of 15 girls sent to villages three were killed by Japanese aerial bombing and three others were seriously injured. At Nanchang I visited camps where new troops are undergoing training. At Shaokwan, on the Kwangtung-Hunan border, due to severe Japanese aerial bombardments most of the women have left the town.

“I was deeply impressed by the spirit of the girls, some of whom are, undergoing military training and living the life of soldiers.

“As soon as they complete their training courses, they follow the regular troops to the front and bring about closer co-operation between the army and the populace.

“General Pai Madame Chiang Chung-hsi told me that women played an important part in the Chinese victory at Tientsin, where the girl workers refused to leave even though the situation was most desperate, expressing determination to fall with their men comrades. Their bravery inspired our soldiers to unbelievable heroism.

“If the women want equality of rights with men, they must first be prepared to share men's responsibilities. British women won equality largely due to their heroic deeds in the Great War.

“Japan is not only an enemy to all Chinese but an enemy to all womankind, Japan being the only ‘civilized’ Power in the world subjecting women to unbelievable oppression and slavery.

“If Chinese women forsake vanity and luxuries, there will be no corrupt officials. If the Chinese women are not afraid to die, there will be no cowardice among Chinese soldiers. The responsibility of whether China will perish or survive rests with Chinese women,” concluded Mdm. Chiang.—Reuter.



Chinese Forces Closing In On Tsengshing

Swatow, December 19. Chinese troops closing in on Tsengshing, on the north bank of the East River to-day captured Changling, Futien, Hsinchotang, Hinfuho and other nearby villages, in which over a thousand Japanese were killed.

The routed Japanese troops are retreating eastward to Tsengshing and Taping near Boca Tigris. In view of the Chinese counter-attack from the East River, Japanese engineers and sappers are busy in Canton preparing new defence works with a view to holding out pending the arrival of reinforcements.

Fighting is still going on in Lunghua and Melhuating within striking distance from Tsengshing.—International.

BRAYFIELD LIBEL CASE ENDED: A CENT DAMAGE AWARDED TO PLAINTIFF

Defendants Privileged: No Expressed Malice

THE BRAYFIELD LIBEL CASE, which had begun last Thursday, ended at the Supreme Court yesterday when judgment for defendants was entered with costs, and damages of one cent were awarded to plaintiff.

This was the case in which Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, of the firm of Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke, marine surveyors, sued the Hongkong Jockey Club for unspecified damages for libel which he alleged was contained in their having had his name posted up in the Club's premises as a defaulter, following his refusal to pay a bill for \$9.10 which the Club said were due as excess fodder for his two ponies, but which he disputed.

The taking of evidence had been completed at the last hearing on Friday and yesterday morning submissions were made by counsel on the questions of privilege and malice.

The Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell, ruled that the occasion was privileged and that there was insufficient evidence of expressed malice to go to the jury. On His Lordship's findings in law, judgment was entered for defendants with costs.

The question as to whether, in fact, the plaintiff did or did not owe the Jockey Club that disputed sum of \$9.10 was then put to the jury for decision. They decided that he did not, and awarded him damages of one cent Hongkong currency.

A special jury was empanelled to try the case—Messrs. J. Fleming, (Foreman), Lo Yuk-tong, I. H. Geare, T. B. Wilson, L. Dunbar, C. Champkin and R. M. McLean.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, appeared for Mr. Brayfield, while the Jockey Club were represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C.

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PRIEST KILLED IN CHURCH

Shan, Dec. 19. Reports reaching here from Yuanqu, in south Shansi, state that a Belgian-born Catholic priest, whose Chinese name was Hu Yung-sen, was killed in his church at Chitaisun, a small village west of Yuanqu, by Japanese forces when they captured the place last September.

The reports allege that the priest was killed while protecting a number of Chinese women, taking refuge in his church from Japanese molestation.—Central News.

CARS RANSACKED BY JAPANESE SENTRIES

Hankow, Dec. 19. The tension with regard to the French Concession was greatly increased yesterday for a period when Japanese sentries refused to permit foreigners to take in their own necessities.

Foreigners' cars were stopped, the occupants ordered out and the vehicles ransacked.

The situation eased this morning after a protest was expressed publicly by leading foreigners here and interference with Westerners ceased.

It was semi-officially explained that the sentries were exceeding their orders. Meanwhile an embargo against Chinese taking in food into the French Concession, continues.—Reuter.

SOVIET TROOPS ON BORDER

Shanghai, Dec. 19. A large concentration of Soviet troops on the Manchukuo border is reported by the commander of the Japanese unit which participated in the Changkufeng incident in the summer, according to a message received here.—Reuter.

SEVERE COLD IN EUROPE

Berlin, Dec. 19. A severe cold wave is sweeping Central Europe, the thermometer dropping in Berlin to 16 centigrades below freezing point this morning.

Other temperatures reported here this morning are:—East Prussia 23, Black Forest 18, Munich 18, Hamburg 15.5, Paris 10, Northern Italy 5-7, Poland 15 to 33, Warsaw 21, Vilna 30, Czechoslovakia 15 to 25 centigrades below freezing point.

The Danube is frozen over near Regensburg and shipping on the river is suspended.

A blizzard is raging in the Dolomites and snow is falling in the Apennines.—Transocean.

DRAW FOR PONIES

The draw for the 1939 Subscription griffins took place in the Jockey Club Stables, Administration Block, yesterday when a large number of owners, jockeys and those interested in racing attended.

Some ninety odd ponies were drawn for and judging by the form displayed during the trial gallops on Sunday morning there should be plenty of promising blood for the next season's racing which will be given a send off by the Annual Race Carnival.

ROYAL BIRTHDAY



H.R.H. the Duke of Kent (Prince George Edmund Alexander Edmund) youngest brother of King George VI, to-day celebrates his 36th birthday. The Duke of Kent was recently appointed Governor-General of Australia in succession to Lord Gowrie who is retiring.

A CORRECTION

An apology is due to Miss M. McLean and Mr. W. Hewitt of the Standard Vacuum Oil Co. who are to be married this coming Saturday (December 24). Through a proof-reading error, the date of the wedding was changed in Monday's paper, making it appear that the popular young couple had been married last Saturday, December 17. The “Daily Press” regrets this error.

JAPANESE HAVE NO REST IN POOTUNG

Chungking, Dec. 19. The guerillas in Pootung are giving no rest to the Japanese troops.

Fighting of a sporadic nature is in progress in many places. While avoiding a frontal clash with the enemy the guerillas have been staging day and night raids on isolated Japanese units. As a result, the Japanese main force has been rushed here and there without any success.

Nanwei, an important town in Pootung, 20 miles southeast of Shanghai, has changed hands several times between the Chinese and Japanese during the past few months.

As a result of repeated Japanese bombardments, a large part of the town has been reduced to ruins.—Central News.

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PUPPET APPEAL IGNORED

Shanghai, Dec. 19. The diplomatic body here to-day decided to ignore the appeal of puppet organizations in Nanking urging the Powers not to supply arms to the National Government in Chungking.

Having failed to move the embassies and legations here, the Nanking puppet bodies addressed a similar appeal to London, Washington and Paris yesterday, but no reply is forthcoming.

The position of Great Britain, France and Soviet Russia is that they are bound to assist China by treaties and the recent resolutions of the League of Nations, while the United States is firm in maintaining the Open Door in China.—International.

CHINESE START OFFENSIVE ON YOCHOW

Chungking, Dec. 19. The Chinese started an offensive in the region of Yochow on the Yangtze lake according to a special report to the paper “Takungpao” to-day. The Chinese are reported to have advanced as far as six kilometres from Yochow.

The Japanese, according to a report, are hurriedly fortifying their defence positions in and outside Yochow and transporting, for safety's sake, munition and provisions to the north.

The “Takungpao” opines that the number of Japanese at Yochow is too small to resist the Chinese. The reports of the Chinese offensive near Yochow are backed by reports of organized attacks of Chinese irregulars on Hangchow, 70 kilometres east of Hankow.

Details are still lacking, but Chinese reports affirm that the irregulars reached the vicinity of the town and the Japanese had to ask for reinforcements.

The Japanese troop concentrations on the West River, west of Canton, are continuing giving more freedom of action to the Chinese north and east of Canton. Although smaller Chinese units succeeded in approaching Canton no change of the situation at Canton has occurred.—Transocean.

PEARL RIVER ISSUE

Awaits Yangtze Settlement

Canton, Dec. 19. It would appear that the Pearl River will be closed to foreign shipping until the Yangtze question is settled. The Japanese Consul-General told Reuter that the Pearl River was not an important issue in itself but should traffic be restored it would prejudice Japan's case regarding the Yangtze.

Meanwhile Reuter is informed that the new Kwangtung Provincial Government will be inaugurated at 10 a.m. to-morrow with Pang Tung-yuen as Chairman who will also be acting Mayor for the time being.—Reuter.

THE DOLLAR

T.T. ON LONDON: 1s. 2/7.8d.

T.T. ON NEW YORK: 28 15/16.

London Silver Market

(Our Own Correspondent).

London, Dec. 19.

London silver prices to-day were up 1/8 for Spot and 3/16 for Forward as follows:—

Dec. 17 Dec. 19

Spot.....20 20-1/8

Forward.....19-3/8 19-9/16.

FINANCIAL AID FOR CHINA WELCOMED

Shanghai Says: “Better Late Than Never!”

RETALIATION BY JAPAN FORECAST

Shanghai, December 19. British and American credits to China are undoubtedly belated, comments the “North-China Daily News” in an editorial to-day, but they are “better late than never. They may still serve to render that assistance towards China for which she is in such need.”

The paper continues: “The significance to be found in this latest development—that the attitude of Great Britain and the United States is stiffening—is very heartily to be welcomed, for while there is every sympathy for the perplexities confronting the two Governments, there has been in the Far East growing anxiety lest there should be a general failure to realize the growing seriousness of the situation here.

“Arguing on a purely commercial basis, the credits cannot be described as an attraction; in fact, they are nothing but a gamble. It is clear, however,” adds the paper, “that the intention is that they may be extended in the light of political as well as commercial considerations.”

Turning to Japanese reactions, the “North-China Daily News” declares: “However distasteful the fact that such assistance is being given to China may be to the Japanese Government, there need be no misgivings as to the propriety of the proposed step. China is just as entitled to buy in the markets of the world as Japan.

“Even if a declared state of war existed, there would be no material change in the position, for, during the Great War, up to the entry of the United States into the struggle, Germany could have purchased material from America had it not been for the substantial obstacle of a blockade.”

RETALIATION BY JAPAN

Nevertheless, the paper expects that Japan will be exceedingly annoyed and hints at the possibility of Tokyo deciding on retaliatory measures.

In this connection, the paper concludes with the following warning:—

“Retaliation is a game where more than one can play, and, if it does come into being, the ability of Great Britain and the United States to reply, and reply effectively, is very much greater than that of Japan.”—Reuter.

JAPANESE REACTION

Tokyo, Dec. 19. After reading a prepared statement to 40 correspondents the Foreign Minister, Mr. H. Arita, replied to a barrage of pointed questions on the reaction to the American loan to China.

Mr. Arita pointed out that though it may be made purely for the promotion of trade, the loan will necessarily lead to prolongation of the hostilities and, consequently, at this time, is, therefore, inopportune to say the least and we cannot but say that it is an ill-advised act on the part of the United States which has thus far acted with understanding and discretion concerning the China affair.

Mr. Arita added: “And if, as American newspapers say, it is (Continued on Page 9)

CHINA HAILS ANGLO-U.S. CO-OPERATION AS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Solidarity Demonstrated: Positive Policy

HAILING THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the Anglo-American credits to the Chinese Government as a step in the right direction, the influential Chinese journal, the “Ta Kung Pao,” represents the views of the Chinese people as a whole when it expressed the hope that a further step would be taken in the new co-operation between the two leading Anglo-Saxon nations of the world.

The British and American credits are new expressions of that co-operation, says the “Ta Kung Pao” in an editorial yesterday. The papers adds that this mutual understanding may be envisaged in the simultaneous announcement of the news from London and Washington and the proximity of the amount of the credits.

These credits are only the first steps in the positive policy of Britain and of the United States, their chief purpose being to demonstrate their solidarity against Japan. “As Japan intends to subjugate China, we offer China assistance, and as Japan intends to abrogate treaties, we come out to uphold them.” These actions of Britain and the United States are equivalent to a warning to Japan. Hence, the political significance is exceedingly great.

We hope that British and American politicians may realize the extent of their responsibilities. They should promote closer co-operation between Britain and the United States, adopt policies of a truly positive character, and carry them out to final success. It is obvious that Japan's foreign policy has been to make use of Germany and Italy in dictating to Britain and France, in isolating

HOSTILITY AND ENVY

In the years following the Washington Conference, the main thought of the Japanese Fascist militarists has been hostility and envy against the strength and territorial possessions of the Anglo-Saxons. This by no means

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In the World of Sports

WEIGHT-LIFTING MARKS SHATTERED BY YOUTH

Sunday's Competitions At Mauricio College

The third weight-lifting competition by pupils of the Mauricio College of Physical Education was held on Sunday, when more than 100 present and past pupils and guests were present. Most outstanding performances were given by 19-year-old Fung Shu-shit. With a bodyweight of only 112 pounds, his phenomenal lifts of 200 lbs. in the Two Hands Clean and Jerk, 145 lbs. in the Two Hands Snatch and 360 lbs. in the Two Hands Dead Lift astonished everyone.

By these performances, Fung shattered the College's records of the past 13 years as well as smashing the records set up by Charlie Chanatong, unbeaten "Strongest Youth" of Hongkong since 1931. In a few lifts, he was only a few pounds short of the British Amateur Weight-lifting Association's records.

Another lifter in the Junior Division who scored notable successes was Ip Man-wai, who in spite of only a short period of training reduced all the Junior records.

Following the lifts, a posing competition was held, and some fine classical and muscular poses were witnessed.

Alter tea, Mrs. Woo, wife of Dr. Arthur W. Woo, presented the awards to the winners, and Dr. Woo also addressed the gathering, dwelling on the necessity of physical fitness in everyday life.

PRIZE WINNERS

The following were the prize winners:—
Weight Lifting Competition, Senior Championship
 Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. T. H. Lee, won by Fung Shu-shit.
 1st Prize, presented by Mr. K. K. Lo, won by Fung Shu-shit.
 2nd Prize, presented by Mr. K. K. Lo, won by Francis Young.
 3rd Prize, presented by Mr. Han S. Wan, won by Cheung Yum.
Weight Lifting Competition, Junior Division, Championship
 Challenge Cup, presented by Dr. Arthur Woo, won by Ip Man-wai.

1st Prize, presented by Mr. Han S. Wan, won by Ip Man-wai.
 2nd Prize, presented by Mr. K. K. Lo, won by Liang Shau-hong.
 3rd Prize, presented by Mr. Han S. Wan, won by Ip Man-hin.
Posing Competition, Championship
 Challenge Cup, presented by the Shorthand and Commercial Bureau, won by Fung Shu-shit.
 1st Prize, presented by Mr. K. K. Lo, won by Fung Shu-shit.
 2nd Prize, presented by Mr. A. V. Lyen, won by Leung Chi-shing.
 3rd Prize, presented by Mr. F. O. Reed, won by Alfred Fung.

Graduates:—Fung Shu-shit, Leung Chi-shing, Francis Young.
 Intermediate Passes:—Cheung Yum, Lei Po-ming.
 First Test Passes:—Yu Ping-tung, Ho Yat-wing, Woo Yung-kwong, Ip Man-wai, Ma Kai-shing, Ip Man-hin, Koo Yung-sham, Wen Wei-sin, Francis Reed, Wong Man-shing, S. A. Reed, Lo Wing-tai, Liang Shau-hong, Lam Hon-yuen, Albert Dang, Harry Gubbay and Chan Bing-pui.

Certificates of Merit and Silver and Bronze Medals
 Liang Shau-hong, Yu Ping-tung, Ho Yat-wing, Koo Yung-sham, Harry Gubbay, S. A. Reed, Lo Wing-tai, Ip Man-wai, Lei Po-ming, Wen Wei-sin, Lam Hon-yuen, Woo Yung-kwong, Chan Bing-pui, Wong Man-shing, Cheung Yum, Francis Reed, Francis Young, Fung Shu-shit, Lam Yung-fai, Leung Chi-shing and Ma Hok-yue.
 The Lyen Shield was won by Fung Shu-shit and Ip Man-wai.

DISCUSSION ON TENNIS

Quist Shows Need Of Match Practice

JAPANESE RECRUIT

Out of competition last year, Adrian Quist showed the need of stern match practice. He had a recent victory over Budge and saved the difficult Davis Cup match against Japan by defeating Yamagishi, who with a victory over Bromwich, comes into the table for the first time. No Oriental player has a more refined talent, writes a Home correspondent.

Roderich Menzel had a relatively brief season. A finalist in the French championship, the merit of his game remains. I include Makro because of his skilful play in singles both at Wimbledon and Forest Hills.

The doubles partner of Budge beat Puncce and Bromwich in three sets. On a Continental hard court the champion of Yugoslavia has few superiors, but Puncce has constructed his game on a high-bouncing ball, and on turf he offers nothing like the same menace to his opponents.

H. Henkel, the German champion of 1937, was, through overstrain, out of form this year. A player of his all-round gifts will doubtless regain it. The two French players, Y. Petra and B. Destremau, have claims for inclusion; only their failure to clinch matches has kept them out.

In the women's realm, where fluctuations of form have again been bewildering, Mrs. Moody and Miss Jacobs return to the respective positions of No. 1 and No. 2, which they held three years ago. Both were served by their ripe experience of the centre court, off it their lustre was a little dimmed.

Mrs. Moody's eighth championship was a record, and if the final was marred by the accident to her rival—"the fight was over when the enemy was down"—her mastery over the field was vindicated.

But for her Wimbledon defeat by Miss Jacobs, Miss Marble would have earned the second place. She may well secure the first next year. The saving of her contest with Mrs. Fabian at Forest Hills was a brilliant effort. Alone it deserved the American title.

Mrs. Sperling did not defend her French title this year, but was again invincible in Germany. She played two memorable matches with Mrs. Moody within a fortnight and won one of them. French champion for the first time, Mme. Mathieu enlarged her range of strokes. At Boston in the final of the American doubles championship she was better than either Miss Marble or Mrs. Fabian, who won the event.

MISS LUMB NEXT YEAR?

Handicapped by an injury to her foot early in the season, Miss Jedzejowska had a less successful season; although she beat Mrs. Sperling decisively at Queen's Club, Mrs. Miller, of South Africa, returns to the list after nine-years.

PHYSICAL TRAINING COMPETITION

The elimination rounds for Hongkong Schools of the third annual physical training competition, open to the local Vernacular Boys' Schools, were decided at the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday morning.

The schools taking part were: Chung Wa, Tai Tung, Tuen Man, Yeuk Chi, Fruit Dealers' Guild, Confucian Society, Tsung Tsin Association, Tak Ming, Fong Lam, Chi Keung, Kong Kiu, Lingnam Branch, Roman Catholic Mission, Kiu Sin, and the St. Louis Industrial School.

The Kowloon Schools will hold their elimination rounds at the Kowloon Football Club from 9 a.m. this morning.

CLUB HOCKEY TEAM CHOSEN

The following team has been selected to represent the 1st Eleven of the Hongkong Hockey Club against the Royal Navy in the Triangular Tournament to-morrow on the Navy Ground at King's Park. Bully Off 4.30 p.m.—

V. M. Benwell, W. N. Schnabel, E. V. Reed, H. W. D. Lowe, W. A. Reed, N. B. Whitley, S. Fowler, T. Whitley, G. E. R. Divett (Capt), B. I. Bickford and V. Bond.

DUTCH MERMAID'S NEW RECORD

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.
 Irene van Eggelen, of Holland, established a world's record in women's swimming to-day by covering the 200 metres backstroke in 2 mins. 39 secs.

The previous best time for the distance, which was also held by her, was 2 mins. 40.6 secs.—Reuter.

a player with a perfect instinct for the game.

England's only representative this year is Miss Stammers. She had a good Wightman Cup, defeating Miss Marble and hunting Mrs. Moody all the way home. It can not be long before Miss Margot Lumb qualifies; she played great tennis in dismissing Miss Jacobs from the American championship.

Two free-hitting Australian girls, Miss Wynne and Miss Coyne, have won distinction. The first was a finalist at Forest Hills and Bournemouth; the second beat Miss Jacobs in a team match. Their return to European play will be keenly anticipated.

Only a lack of consistency has excluded Miss Hardwick and Miss Bundy. The first claimed Mrs. Moody, Senorita Lizana (now Mrs. Ellis) and Mme. Mathieu as victims in home tournaments, and the second, after beating Mme. Mathieu, only missed the American final by a few strokes.

Internationally it has been an American year. Its players hold the Davis and Wightman Cups and have dominated the major championships.

Cycling Club President Makes Last Appearance

GOOD TIMES RETURNED IN IMPROMPTU TIME TRIAL

Making his last appearance as President of the Hongkong Cycling Club Mr. H.A.G. Keates led Sunday morning's run which started from Hennessy Road at 9.30 a.m. Reaching Shaikwan, the party ran into misty rain which, however, failed to dampen their spirits and as a demonstration of this an impromptu time trial over a course of 2 miles 5 furlongs was held on the Shek-O Road under English unpaced rules.

In spite of the handicap of wet roads, full touring kit and small gears the following times were returned:—

	m.p.h.
1. Kam Yu-wah	8.14
2. Tang Wah-sun	19.12
3. Leung Yu-ye	9.36
4. Chan Yeung-pang	9.14
5. Robert Yuen	8.13
6. H.A.G. Keates	7.07

These riders used ordinary machines.

Leung Yu-ye put up a fine initial effort on an ordinary machine as his time included a stop to replace a derailed chain.

Continuing the run Stanley turn was passed at 12.20 p.m. and by this time the rain showed signs of stopping. On rapidly drying roads the party gained Aberdeen at 12.50, collecting an additional contingent en route.

A halt for refreshments detained the riders 40 minutes in the fisher village before resumption of the final section. One party concluded the run via Jubilee Road to Kennedy Town, the other climbing up to Pokfulam in order to disperse in Bonham Road at 2 p.m.

PRESENTATION TO-NIGHT

Certificates gained by successful riders in the Club's recent Tourist Time Trial will be presented at the Y.M.C.A. (Chinese), Bridges Street, at 8.30 p.m. to-day.

Other Club fixtures for December include two training rides, the first leaving the Methodist Church, Hennessy Road, Wanchai, at 6 p.m. to-morrow (20 miles), and the second from the Alhambra Theatre, Kowloon, at 9.30 a.m. December 28 (40 miles). A New Year's Eve Club-run is scheduled to leave the above rendezvous in Wanchai at 11.30 p.m. December 31.

"A" CLASS

	Finished	Corr.	Pos.
Widgeon	17.00.25	15.58.36	1
(Miss H. Crawhall Wilson)			
Kittiwake	17.00.10	17.00.10	2
(Miss P. M. King)			
Joss	17.00.15	17.00.15	3
(Mrs. V. MacMillan)			
La Linda	17.00.30	17.00.30	4
(Mrs. M. I. Johnston)			
Gull	17.02.25	17.02.25	5
(Mrs. L. Stanton)			
Artemis (Miss M. Whitham) D.N.F.			
Redshank (Mrs. M. M. Luce) D.N.F.			
Kosla (Miss M. Corrigan) D.N.F.			

Sporting Fixtures

TO-DAY

BADMINTON—"A" Division, Chinese Y.M.C.A. v. University "A". Ladies Doubles League, European Y.M.C.A. v. St. Andrew's; Recreio "A" v. Recreio "B".
 BOXING—Royal Scots Individual Open (Murray Barracks), 9 p.m.
 MEETING—Kowloon Chess Club at Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
 PHYSICAL TRAINING—Kowloon Vernacular Schools competition (Kowloon P.C.), 9 a.m. Schools' Final (Kowloon P.C.), 11.30 a.m.
 RACING—Public Roup (Hongkong Jockey Club Paddock), 5.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW

BADMINTON—V.R.C. v. S. and S. Home; Kowloon Tong "B" v. St. Andrew's "B" v. Chung Wah; St. John's v. Kowloon Tong "A".
 HUNTING—Fanning Meet at Fanning Station, 2.45 p.m.
 RUGBY—Club "A" v. an Army XV (Club), 4.45 p.m.
 SHOOTING—Weekly Practice Shoot (Kowloon City Ranges), 2 p.m.
 TENNIS—Ladies Tennis Championships, Singles and Doubles. Finals. (United Services R.C.), 4 p.m.

LEE WAI-TONG TO PLAY IN FANCY DRESS

Charity Soccer On Xmas Day

A Fancy Dress Comic football match will take place at Caroline Hill on Christmas Day, kick off at 4 p.m. It is to be billed as Chinese v. Europeans.

All players will be dressed in fancy dress of some kind and many humorous incidents will take place during the game.

It is understood that Lee Wai-tong has agreed to turn out for the Chinese team.

All expenses are being shared by the South China A.A. and the Europeans taking part and the whole of the proceeds are being devoted to the H.K. Chinese Athletes Emergency Corps.

Prices of admission are \$2, \$1, and 50 cents.

BOGEY POOL TIE

G. R. Razavat (22) and P. Jackson (20), each two up, tied for the Bogey (Par) Pool played over the new course at Fanling during the weekend.

tion work for the Club, and in his capacity as Adviser to the Cycling Section of the Y.M.C.A. (Chinese).

F.A. COUNCIL ANSWERS QUESTIONS

The F.A. Council were recently asked for a ruling on the following:—

"When a club is placed under suspension for not paying a fine, or for not meeting a liability, is every member of the club to remain under suspension until the full amount involved is paid, or can an individual be deemed 'clear' when he has paid his portion of the fine or liability?"

The answer is:—

"When a club is placed under suspension for not paying a fine or for not meeting a liability, every member of such club shall be deemed 'clear' when he has paid his portion of the fine or liability." Lancashire F.A. asked for a ruling on whether players should be permitted to wear glasses while playing.

50 YEARS' FOOTBALL IN PORTUGAL

The 50th anniversary of the introduction of football into Portugal was commemorated by a meeting recently. A message was received from the British Ambassador, Sir Walford Selby, a keen follower of the game.

It was mainly by British influence that football was introduced into Portugal.

The Minister of Education, in a speech, emphasized the formative value of games.

The Council decided that it was permissible.

It was pointed out to the Lancashire body that players appear in glasses at their own risk. It is the usual practice for footballers to secure from special manufacturers "safety glasses" which, kept in place, by adhesive tape, are not dangerous to their opponents.

Macao Hockey Club Beats Hongkong Army Officers

Macao, December 18.
 In the opening game of the Inter-Colony hockey season, the Macao Hockey Club this afternoon entertained a Hongkong Army Officers' team at Tap-Seac, winning after a hard-fought game by two goals to nil. The Macao players showed their usual form, their forwards keeping the play at a high speed despite strong opposition from the visitors, who stood out more in their defence movements.

Macao launched the opening attacks and were near to scoring on several occasions, but most of the movements were spoilt by forwards getting offside. It was not until after 20 minutes of play that P. Angelo put the finishing touch to a well-synchronized movement by scoring the first goal of the game with a terrific shot. Play then carried on in ding-dong fashion until the half-time whistle was sounded.

HECTIC TIME

The visitors strove hard for an equaliser on resumption of play and missed a few openings, their forwards giving the Macao defence a hectic time staying off their inrushes. The local team increased the lead towards the latter part

of the game when Alberto Airoso scored with a brilliant shot during an all-in scrimmage. No further goals resulted, though the Macao defence was several times hard put to by the Army forwards.

The game was ably refereed by Lt. Pirie and Mr. Santos Ferreira.

The teams were as follows:—
 Macao: H. C. Cezar Capitaine; H. Rosario and R. de Rosario; Laertes da Costa, Alex Airoso and Joao Nolasco; A. Angelo, Alberto Airoso, P. Angelo, F. Ramalho and Fred Nolasco.

Army: Lt. Gibson; Col. Smith and Lt. Douglas; Lt. Gudgeon, Lt. Hook and Lt. Fergus; Capt. Kennedy, Lt. Holmes, Capt. Lawder, Capt. Masterton Smith and Capt. Smith.

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Schubert Quartet
12-12.20 p.m. Relay of a Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m. The Hill Billies and Nat Gonella and His Georgians: Now Orleans Twist—Fox-Trot; Chicago—Fox-Trot—Nat Gonella and His Georgians; Jump On The Wagon (Conner and Lisbona); Me And The Old Folks At Home (Towers and Arden)—The Hill Billies with Novelty Accompaniment; Let 'E Go—Fox-Trot; The Snake Charmer—Fox-Trot—Nat Gonella and His Georgians with vocal refrain; Susanna From Alabama (Ted and Ezra); The Hill Billy Band (Harvey)—The Hill Billies with Novelty Accompaniment; Hury Gurdy Man—Fox-Trot—Nat Gonella and His Georgians with vocal refrain.
1 p.m. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m. Gerry Moore at the Piano.
Jammin'—Quickstep (film "Turn off the Moon"); Sweet Heartache—Slow Fox-Trot (film "The Hit Parade"); Mine Alone—Slow Fox-Trot; Day In—Day Out—Quickstep.
1.15 p.m. Reuter and Rugby Pres. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.30 p.m. Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Music, Maestro, Please (from "These Foolish Things"); Waltz—The Sweetest Song In The World (film "We're going to be rich")—Henry Jacques and His Strict Dance Tempo Orchestra; Fox-Trot—I Hadn't Anyone Till You—Tommy Tucker and His Orchestra.
1.40 p.m. Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.
Speaker: Mrs. D. J. S. Crozier. Subject: "Children of the Dead End".
2.15 p.m. Close down.
6 p.m. Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.
(a) My Own; (b) I'm Gonna lock my heart; (c) You're as pretty as a picture; (d) Mama, I wanna make Rhythm.
6.14 p.m. Record: Ah! The Moon Is Here! (film "Footlight Parade"); Turn Back the Clock—Paul White-man presents Ramona and Her Grand Piano with clarinet and trumpet.
6.21 p.m. (a) Honey-suckle Rose; (b) Mama's gone Bye-Bye; (c) Moon Glow; (d) Rhythm Mad.
6.35 p.m. Records: River Rerites—Quentin M. MacLean (Organ); Slow Fox-Trot—Medley—Gerry Moore (Piano).
6.44 p.m. (a) I've got a date with a dream; (b) The Yam; (c) Bewildered; (d) Lullaby in Rhythm.
7 p.m. Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m. Light Variety.
Vocal—Robins And Roses (Burke)—Len Berman with Orchestra; Vocal—No Wonder She's A Blushing Bride (Ukelele Ike—Mills)—Tessie O'Shea with her banjo and Orchestra; Vocal—Riding The Range In The Sky (Carlton); Twilight On The Trail (film "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine")—Wilfrid Thomas (Baritone) with The Good Companions; Orch.—Nobody's Sweetheart (Meyers-

OPIUM TRAFFIC INCREASE IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Dec. 19.
Authoritative circles here reveal a great increase of opium smuggling into Shanghai during the first half of December. It is decided that between 50 and 200 pounds of opium are imported daily, while formerly 20 pounds was regarded as an extremely high figure.
During November Police confiscated 800 pounds of opium and arrested 100 people, while a search of incoming ships resulted in several large hauls.
Arrests during the first half of December have exceeded the number of apprehensions during November, while seizures of opium have amounted to 500 pounds.
The number of Customs preventive officers and French Concession and the International Settlement police has been increased, and a minimum of two smuggling cases are heard daily in the Chinese courts.—Transocean.

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3.20—Tiny Tots Session (A).
4.00—"In Town To-night." (D1).
4.30—The BBC Empire Symphony Concerts (D1).
4.45—Sporting News and Notes (A).
5.25—Commentary On News (A).
5.40—"The News Behind the News." (A).
5.50—News (D1).
6.00—The A.B.C. (Melbourne) Symphony Orchestra (A).
6.45—"Ups and Downs." (D2); Christmas Carols from St. Peter's College (A).
7.20—"Emil Waldtuefel." (D2).
8.15—"The Snowman." (D2); Recorded Music (A).
8.45—Dance Music (D2).
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9.15—Jimmy Donovan and his Saxophone (D2).
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9.30—News (D2).
10.00—"Haunting Harmonies" with Harry Gordon and Partner at two pianos (D3).
10.10—Prague Philharmonic Orchestra (D3).
11.15—"Steamboat." with Jack Clarke and his Band (D3).
12.00—News (D3).
a.m.
12.20—"Music for Dancing." with Mantovani and his Dance Orchestra (D3).
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Schoebel; Moon Glow (De Lange-Mills); Joe Daniels and His Hot Shots in "Drumsticks"; Vocal—Parmanian (film "Swing High, Swing Low"); On A Tropic Night (film "Tropic Holiday"); Dorothy Lamour with Herbie Kay and His Orchestra; Vocal—Ballerina (Boots)—The Three Musketeers and Rae Jenkins Buskies.
7.30 p.m. Grieg—Peer Gynt Suite No. 2 Op. 55.
New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Quossens.
7.45 p.m. B.B.C. Recording—"Breaking Athletic Records".
A talk by Harold Abrahams.
8 p.m. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m. Ketelbey—"In A Fairy Realm" Suite.
Albert W. Ketelbey's Concert Orchestra conducted by the Composer.
8.15 p.m. London Relay—"The Snowman"
A play for broadcasting. Written and produced by Leslie Stokes.
8.45 p.m. Studio—Piano Recital by Ruth Litvin.
1. Prelude, Op. 28, No. 17 (Chopin); 2. Prelude, Op. 28, No. 24 (Chopin); 3. Consolation, No. 3 (Liszt); 4. Rhapsody, No. 8 (Liszt).
9.10 p.m. Military Band Music.
Tarentelle Do Concert (Greenwood arr. Godfrey)—Xylophone Solo accompanied by The Band Of H.M. Grenadier Guards; The Voice Of The Bells (Luigi, arr. Miller)—The Band Of H.M. Grenadier Guard under the direction of Major George Miller; Hungarian Fantasy (Giedy)—Band Of The Royal Hungarian "Maria Theresia" Regiment; Palms Of Victory—March (Blankenburg)—Massed Military Bands.
9.30 p.m. London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m. Songs by Stuart Robertson (Baritone).
Songs That Everybody Should Know—with Piano accom. by Gerald Moore.
10 p.m. Edwin Fischer at the Piano.
Sonata In A Major, K.331 (Mozart); Romance In A Flat Major, K. Anh. 205 (Mozart).
10.22 p.m. Schubert—Quartet No. 14 In D Minor ("Death and the Maiden").
Played by the Roth String Quartet.
11 p.m. Close down.

NEWS ABOUT THE SERVICES

ROYAL NAVY

CADETS' TRAINING CRUISES
H.M.S. Vindictive, cadet training cruiser, has returned to Chatham from her autumn cruise to the Mediterranean, which began on September 16. This is the last cruise under the command of Captain E. J. Spooner, D.S.O., who has been selected to command the battle-cruiser Repulse. Captain H. C. Bovell, late Deputy Director of Training and Staff Duties, succeeded him on December 17.
The next cruise of the Vindictive will begin on January 12 and will be to the West Indies. She will visit various places in the Grenadine Islands, Barbados, Tortola, and possibly a foreign port, and will return to Chatham on April 3.

SOUTH AMERICA STATION
The cruisers Esker and Ajax, the former flying the broad pendant of Commodore H. H. Harwood, O.B.E., Commanding the South American Division, has left Port Stanley, Falklands, to continue their programme.

ACCOUNTANT BRANCH
Paymaster Commander E. S. Duggan, O.B.E., has been appointed for duty in the Naval Air Division at the Admiralty and is succeeded in H.M.S. Royal Oak and as squadron accountant officer, 2nd Battle Squadron, by Paymaster Commander E. E. Brightman, late accountant officer at the Naval Office at Colombo.

SPECIAL TRAINING
Lieutenant-Commander D. C. Kinnon and Instructor-Commander F. C. Sobey, B.A., have been appointed from the Iron Duke to the Royal Sovereign for duty with the lower deck candidates for commissioning rank. It is now the practice to afford special training to such candidates in one ship for nine months under officers appointed for the purpose, instead of leaving them to pursue their studies in isolated ships in addition to carrying out their normal duties.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS
The following appointments are made by the Admiralty:
Lts.—J. D. Gemmill, to Aurora

(Dec. 12); W. J. Parker, to Repulse (Dec. 13); P. S. Francis, to Repulse (Dec. 18); P. St. P. Woodhouse, to Ark Royal (Dec. 27); D. H. P. Gardner, to Drake for R.N.B. (Jan. 2); R. C. Beckwith, to Repulse (Jan. 3); T. E. Donkin, to Curacao (Jan. 5); P. van B. Wadlow, to Cumberland (Jan. 6).
Temp. Instr. Lt.—I. C. Ephick to Liverpool (Dec. 4).

PROMOTION
Surgn. Lt.—Cdr. C. B. Nicholson, M.B., to rank of Surgn. Cdr. (seny. Dec. 2).

THE ARMY

The War Office announces that the following appointments have been approved by the King:

Lieutenant-General W. K. Venning, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., M.C., Colonel, The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, to be Quarter-Master-General to the Forces; War Office, vice General Sir Reginald May, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., whose tenure expires on February 2, 1939.

Lieutenant-General W. D. S. Brownrigg, C.B., D.S.O., Military Secretary to the Secretary of State for War, to be Director-General of the Territorial Army, War Office, vice General Sir Walter Kirke, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel Commandant, Royal Artillery, Aldershot, whose tenure expires in August, 1939.

Lieutenant-General R. H. Haining, C.B., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding the British Forces in Palestine and Transjordan, to be General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command, vice Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Jackson, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, whose tenure expires in August, 1939.

Major General M. G. H. Barker, C.B., D.S.O., Colonel, The York and Lancaster Regiment, Director of Recruiting and Organization, War Office, to be General Officer Commanding the British Forces in Palestine and Transjordan (temporary) with the rank of Lieutenant-general, in succession to Lieutenant-General R. H. Haining.

Major-General G. J. Giffard, C.M., D.S.O., Inspector-General, African Colonial Forces, to be Military Secretary to the Secretary of State for War, War Office, with the rank of Lieutenant-general, in succession to Lieutenant-General W. D. S. Brownrigg.

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Wing Commander O. G. W. G. Lywood, C.B.E., whose promotion to group captain is announced, is the chairman of the Wireless Telegraphy Board of the three Services, and he also acts as chairman of the experimental sub-committee of the board.

GROUP CAPTAIN HARGRAVE
Wing Commander W. B. Hargrave, O.B.E., of the Directorate of Personal Services, Air Ministry, has been promoted to group captain after 24 years' service with the R.F.C. and R.A.F.

SWITZERLAND WARNED BY GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 19.
A warning to Switzerland that if she wants to be regarded as a neutral Power she must cease agitation and propaganda against Germany is contained in the "Völkischer Beobachter", which says:

"Shameless agitation has been going on for years against the internal policy of Germany, and it has reached intolerable proportions since the taking over of Austria and the Sudetenland. 'Switzerland must be told in a decided manner that it is not the least bit like neutrality when all the pro-German elements in the country are persecuted and proscribed, while the worst agitators against the Reich continue to function with impunity.'—Reuter.

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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

TO-DAY
ANNIVERSARIES AND HOLIDAYS.
—Duke of Kent born 1902.
AUCTIONS.—Crown Land, at District Office, Tai Po, 11.30 a.m.; Public Roup of well-known Poodles, at Jockey Club Paddock, Race Course, 5.15 p.m.; Dressed Dolls, Wooden and Mechanical Toys, etc., at Lammeris' H.K. Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

CINEMAS.—(See Column 3 of this Page).

DANCES.—Practice Dance for St. Andrew's Ball, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.; Dance on board H.M.S. Eagle.

ENTERTAINMENTS.—Children's Pantomime, "The Three Bears," at Helena May, 5.30 p.m.; Loma Kindergarten Christmas Festival, 3.45 p.m.; 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots' Retreat, on Hongkong Cricket Club ground, 5.30 p.m.; The Garrison Infants' School Concert, (B.K.), 10.30 a.m.

LECTURES.—A.R.P. Maryknoll Convent School, 4 p.m.; First Aid (Dr. Arculli) at Ambulance Hqs., 8 p.m.; at King's College, for men, 8 p.m.; at Queen's College, 7.30 p.m.; A.R.P. for General Public, at Ambulance Hqs., 7.30 p.m.

MEETINGS.—(See Page 16).

MEETINGS.—One-Man Exhibition of Oil Paintings and Water

Colours, at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; St. Andrew's Mothers' Union, 3 p.m.; Rotary Tiffin, Hongkong Hotel, 1 p.m.; Kowloon Chess Club, at Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS.—University Congregation at 5 p.m. and Court at 5.30 p.m.

TIDES.—High at 08.48 and 19.48. Low at 02.15 and 12.50.

MOON.—X Moon, 29th Day.

REHEARSALS.—Y.M.C.A. Pantomime.

RELIGIOUS.—Prayer and Fellowship Meeting at 8 and 8.30 Home, 8.30 p.m.

SPORTS.—(See Page 2).

SUNRISE.—6.57 a.m. **SUNSET.**—5.43 p.m.

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Today's Screenings

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KING'S:
"Everybody Sings"

QUEEN'S:
"Boo-Boo"

ORIENTAL:
"Little Miss Marker"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:
"Boo-Boo"

STAR:
"San Quentin"

MAJESTIC:
"Rascals"

Coming

KING'S:
"Mademoiselle Doctor"

QUEEN'S:
"White Banners"

ORIENTAL:
"Fire Over England"

ALHAMBRA:
"Pride Of The West"

STAR:
"Wee Willie Winkee"

MAJESTIC:
"Roman Scandals"

JANE WITHERS AS GYPSY

Whether the gypsies camp in a nearby cornfield or take over a vacant store in town, they inevitably set up as fortune tellers.

It is as fortune tellers and musicians that one company of itinerants is shown in latest starring vehicle for Jane Withers—"Rascals." The comedy is now at the Majestic Theatre.

With Jane as the Gypsy princess, a merry series of events unravels itself in a tale of fun as Rochelle Hudson wanders into their camp. Robert Wilcox, a college youth who is seeing life, is a member of the gypsy crew—and Borrah Mineevitch with his harmonica gang supply a rare treat in gypsy music.

MUSICAL REVIEW OF THE WEEK

BY ALLEGRO MODERATO

There were few studio recitals from ZBW during the week, but of that little, Ettore Pellegatti's cello recital on Tuesday in which he played the Mendelssohn Sonata Op. 45 and the Kol Nidrei by Max Bruch, and Lya Gurevitch's recital on Friday when she performed Moussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition, made up for quantity.

The first of a series of chamber music concerts was held at Government House on Tuesday when the performers participating were the Lewis-Pellegatti LaFord Trio, and Gaston d'Aquino.

The programme, well chosen for the occasion, was enhanced by the excellent acoustical effects of the ball room. The Trio performed two numbers, Beethoven's Trio in E Flat major (Opus 1, No 1) and Zampella's Trio in E minor (Opus 23). Except for a slight slip by the violin on one occasion in the Zampella, both items were excellently performed and set each other off in style and technique. Beethoven's simpler harmonic construction contrasting well with Zampella's complicated and vivacious method.

Gilbert and Sullivan's "Ruddigore" was given by the Philharmonic Society during the week. To the producer, Cyril Brown fell the task not only of putting the show together but also of playing one of the most difficult characters in the entire opera. This was rather ambitious and resulted in certain weaknesses.

The choice of Kathleen Winch

for the part of Rose Maybud could not have been better from the point of view of stage presence, but vocal ability and stagecraft were two factors which seemed to have been disregarded, and the part was somewhat cold and mechanical.

Ruby Mathiesens' conception of Dame Hannah was good, and her general delivery was excellent.

Arthur Nobbins did not do justice to the part of Sir Ruthven, both in voice and acting. We cannot say much about the part played by G. Harold Piercy, as he took it on at very short notice. Jack Grenham's Richard Dauntless was the breeziest, saltiest bit in the whole show. Grenham, though not an opera singer, managed to carry his part with a great deal of conviction. Mad Margaret, as done by Jean Greig, produced the desired impression conceived by the writers. She is the possessor of singing as well as histrionic gifts of high quality. Maurice Barton, in the part of the 'shade' of Sir Roderic, was rather cold although his singing was excellent.

The male chorus was indeed one of the best we have ever heard on the local amateur stage and the dance ensemble arranged by Noreen Jordan was simple and charming and the dancers well drilled.

MEI LAN-FANG TO RETIRE

Living Simple Life In Colony

Mei Lan-fang, noted Chinese actor and female impersonator, will shortly retire from stage life, according to Central News.

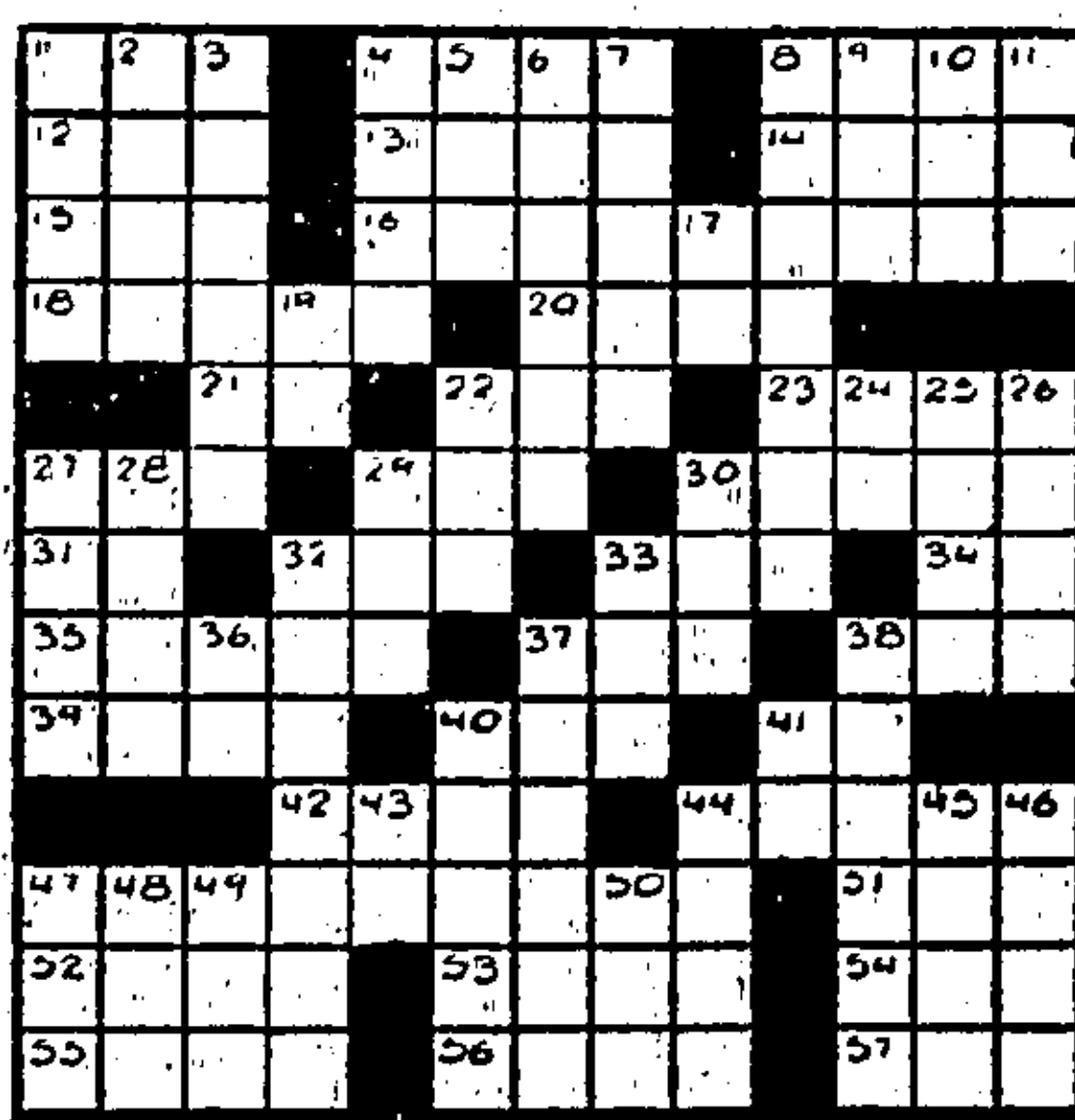
For over 20 years, he has been the foremost professional entertainer in the Chinese theatre, and his art of impersonation has not been equalled in the whole history of Chinese theatricals of the old school.

His last appearances were made early last summer in Hongkong, when he attracted capacity houses. He is now leading an extremely simple life here passing his time studying English and listening to radio programmes from all over the world.

CROSSWORD NO. 188

ACROSS

- 1 Aeriform fluid
- 4 Craggy hills
- 8 Recorded proceedings
- 12 Regret
- 13 Again
- 14 Skin of a species of squirrel
- 15 Anglo-Saxon name of money of account
- 16 Profound respect
- 18 Street urchin
- 20 Paradise
- 21 Like
- 22 Beverage
- 23 Concocting vessel of light draft
- 27 Convert into leather
- 29 Twice; in music
- 30 Halt
- 31 By
- 32 Rodent
- 33 Insane
- 34 Printer's measure
- 35 Propelled with oars
- 37 In birds, the crop
- 38 Cushion
- 39 Free to be entered
- 40 Paddlelike process of a fish
- 41 Greek letter
- 42 Arabian chieftain
- 44 Roomy boat
- 47 Produce as new
- 51 Flatus
- 52 Article of merchandise



53 Ancient

54 Night before a holiday

55 Female sheep

56 Part of a camera

57 Seat of a bishop's authority

DOWN

- 1 Intoxicating liquor
- 2 Invisible emanation
- 3 Sailor
- 4 Small mountain lake
- 5 Unit
- 6 Carousals
- 7 Native of a European country
- 8 Extracted satisfaction for
- 9 Is able
- 10 Involuntary twitching
- 11 Metric measure of area
- 17 Note of the scale
- 19 Exists
- 20 Small island
- 24 Egyptian sun god
- 25 On the ocean
- 26 Deflect
- 27 Tropical plant
- 28 On the summit
- 29 Evil
- 30 Call of the crow
- 32 Falls to follow suit
- 33 Chess piece
- 36 Plural pronoun
- 37 Optical effect
- 38 Cleanses
- 40 Concluding
- 41 Mother
- 43 Note of the scale
- 44 Articles of furniture
- 45 Presented
- 49 Fencing sword
- 47 Be indebted to
- 48 Uncooked
- 49 Wrath
- 50 Number

SOLUTION TO-MORROW

FILM IDOLS OF CHILDREN

Cowboys Still The Favourites

Foreign dictators are no favourites with English children, judging by the evidence of a questionnaire submitted to 151,000 members of the "Mickey Mouse club," which meet at 142 Odeon cinemas. The children's ages range from three to 14.

When pictures of dictators are shown 53 per cent. boo; 88 per cent. dislike them.

The reaction to film stars is equally decided. Clark Gable may be an idol among women, but among children he ranks 36th. In a list of 42—seven places below Donald Duck.

Buck Jones, the cowboy star, heads the list, followed at some distance by Shirley Temple, Jane Withers, Tim McCoy, Ken Maynard, Will Hay, Tarzan, Gene Autry, John Wayne, Bob Steele, George Formby, Laurel and Hardy, Jack Hoxie, Lightning, Kazan, Mickey Mouse and Hoot Gibson.

It will be seen that the 17 favourites include eight cowboys, three comedians, two children, one horse, one dog and one cartoon. The other 25 are practically all comedians and players in action pictures.

SOLDIERS PREFERRED

Not one serious actor, unless you could so describe Mr. Gable, is in the first 42, and very few players with a large following among adults.

Analysis of the news-reels shows that 82 per cent. of the children like sports items, 94 per cent. military and naval scenes, 80 per cent. glimpses of Royalty. Mickey Mouse cartoons are preferred to Billy Symphonies by 97 per cent., 97 per cent. again prefer coloured cartoons to black-and-white.

The order of preference among feature films, shown in percentages, is:

Western ... 21
Adventure, not Western 19

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DIZZY DAME!

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Directed by ROBERT ROSS

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Picture
"WEE WILLIE WINKEE"

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TODAY AND TOMORROW
Jane's with a Band of Gypsies in a Happy-Hit of the Season!

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"Hey, folks! I'm with a gay band of gypsies now... and we're gypsying to beat the band!"

JANE WITHERS
RASCALS

ROCHELLE HUDSON - ROBERT WILCOX - BORRAH MINEEVITCH

Comment under the stars: "Rascals" is the most of all — fun!

THURSDAY, ONE DAY ONLY!
RETURN OF AN "OLD FAVOURITE!"

EDDIE CANTOR in "ROMAN SCANDALS"

A Samuel Goldwyn Super Production

FRENCH CHAMBER SPEEDS BUDGET

Paris, Dec. 18.

The French Chamber, continuing its efforts to speed the Budget debate, will discuss tomorrow the foreign affairs estimates. Estimates for the Ministries of Air, Marine and War were passed yesterday—Reuter

Animal ... 18
Comedy, slapstick ... 17
Historical ... 13
Musical ... 6
Child stars ... 6



WOMEN'S PAGE



Sane Nations Must Have Birth Control

"Any sane nation must have birth control as one of the planks in its platform," said Lord Horder replying at a meeting at Caxton Hall, London, of the Birth Control Association to the accusation that the Association were responsible for the declining birth rate.

"We encourage births where births are reasonable and where child and mother have the chance of health and happiness, but not otherwise," he said.

"Nations may have opportunity reasons for encouraging births at all costs and hazards. We are not yet, thank God, in an opportune position."

The Countess of Limerick said that birth-control clinics should be an integral part of "any sane population policy."

"It is a curious reflection on our modern civilization," she added "that the State takes more care of and spends more money on the unfit than the fit."

HELEN WILLS MOODY

Romance With Polo Star?

An engagement may shortly be announced between Mrs. Helen Wills Moody, eight times winner of the Wimbledon lawn tennis singles championship, and Mr. Aidan Roark, thirty-two-year-old British International polo player, says the Daily Express.

Mr. Roark was asked to confirm the news in New York but refused to make any statement.

Mrs. Moody, who is thirty-two, was granted a divorce at Reno (Nevada) in August after accusing her husband, a San Francisco stockbroker, of mental cruelty.

During her stay in Reno, she said: "I wouldn't go so far as to say there isn't another man in my life, but I have no plans for marriage again right now."

Mr. Aidan Roark's first marriage, to Ester Moore, former wife of a wealthy rancher, was dissolved at Los Angeles. Mrs. Roark alleged he was "rude and brusque" to her.

Mr. Roark holds a post with Twentieth Century-Fox in Hollywood. He is tall, dark, handsome.

CANDID CAMERA AT THE RACES



PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN at the Twelfth Extra Race meeting held at Happy Valley. (Photo by Leica)

Chinese Women's Club To Open Industrial Centre For Refugee Women

Among the recent activities of the Hongkong Chinese Women's Club is the sponsoring of a new movement, namely, the South China Industrial Work for Refugees.

The official opening of this new centre under the auspices of the Club is planned to take place at an early date.

In this sphere the Club is working in co-operation with the Women's Christian Temperance Union of China-Hongkong Branch of which Mrs. Herman Liu, wife of the late President Liu of the Shanghai University, is Chairman.

As the social and relief problems have now become so acute, and the constant appeals for relief more frequent, the need for establishment of a centre of this kind is most urgent. The objects are to relieve unemployment for refugees, to instill the spirit of independence, to be good citizens, and to work and give active service in all manner of trades and art.

This new venture will be financially supported by the two organisations, both of which have appointed seven members to form a joint Committee, from which an executive Committee of seven persons has been elected.

The executive Committee is represented by—Mrs. Li Fong, Chairman, Mrs. Herman Liu, Secretary, Mrs. Li Shu-pui, Treasurer.

The organisation is divided into four sections, viz:—Planning Committee—which will attend to the technical production and personnel.

Business Committee—Sales and Business.

Finance Committee—Raise Funds for production.

Education Committee—Educate all workers.

ATTEND CLASSES

It will be compulsory for all workers to attend classes for two hours a day to gain knowledge in civic education, industrial knowledge in theory and practice, inter-

national relationships, public health, life problems, care of children etc.

Applicants must be actual refugees from war areas between the ages of 18 and 50. Each one is required to work 8 hours per day, and attend 2 hours at night lectures. Each worker will be allowed after two months' apprenticeship, \$5 per month living expenses, and every person will be given certain percentage on the sales of her (or his) handwork.

Estimated budget would be \$10,000 per year.

At the end of the fiscal year any proceeds exceeding \$10,000 will be divided as follows:—40 per cent for expansion of work for the following year; 20 per cent to staff; 40 per cent equally distributed among the workers.

The first work-shop is now under organization, and is receiving

POOR FAMILY AS GUESTS OF THE DUKE

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, anxious to bring the English spirit of Christmas to their chateau in the South of France, has invited a typical London family over for the holiday.

For some time they have been planning their special Christmas party. At first the Duchess wanted to invite a children's party of six or eight from a London Orphanage. She wanted to welcome kiddies who needed sunshine and rest.

But the Duke preferred to ask a family of four, husband, wife and two children, of limited means to come to see him.

He spoke of his idea to the Duke of Gloucester at the recent meeting in Paris. The Duke of Gloucester then made inquiries at the British Legion headquarters.

Now the names of two or three candidates have been received by the Duke and he has chosen his guests.

It is probable that the Duke will also invite certain members of his household at Fort Belvedere for the Christmas party.

Soon To Marry

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Mr. Ng Cheong-wing, engineer, residing at No. 35, Connaught Road Central, second floor, and Miss Phyllis Nyuk Fung Ing, residing at the Y.W.C.A., Bonham Road.

Mr. Robert Frosch, chemist, living at the Kowloon Hotel, and Miss Erna Nargareta Seldel, also staying at the Kowloon Hotel.

Mr. Yu Man-lit, of No. 3, Barrow Street, second floor, and Miss Cheung Shui-chun, of No. 30, Hollywood Road, first floor.

women workers only for the present. The premises will be situated at 5-7 Des Voeux Road West third floor.

NEWSETTES

The French cruiser Primaquet arrived on Sunday.

H. M. S. Tarantula arrived from Canton yesterday carrying passengers and mail.

The Italian warship Baroloene Cellaoni also arrived in port yesterday. Salutes were exchanged.

The Cheero Club held a salad and pudding Christmas party last night.

The Haw Par Accident Station treated a total of 527 cases in November.

The Loloma Kindergarten will be the scene of a Christmas Festival to-day, commencing at 3.45 p.m.

The St. Louis Industrial School will hold its annual prize day at No. 179, Third Street, West Point, at 3.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Green, of Green and Collier, Ltd., in Singapore, arrived in the Conte Blancamano on Sunday for a stay of several weeks in the Colony.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron, Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, returned from Shanghai yesterday on board H.M.S. Kent.

It is understood that the Jewish Refugee Relief Committee have suggested to President Manuel Quezon that one thousand acres of land in the Philippine Islands be turned over to the unfortunate people who are pouring into this part of the world.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Frieder who sailed on the President Coolidge on Sunday evening for America have donated \$425,000 to the hospital fund for Jewish refugees. A hospital and clinic will be built in Manila where the Jewish doctors, professors and surgeons, who are refugees from Central Europe, will be allowed to practice.

Passing through Hongkong in the Conte Blancamano on Sunday was Mr. Ruffin who was previously connected with the National City Bank of New York in Bombay. Mr. Ruffin is on his way to Shanghai where he will join the organization of Swan, Culbertson and Fritz.

The Chinese postal authorities have bought 27 English-made cars in Hongkong for the transportation of mails to the interior. They will be shipped to the interior, via Haiphong, on board the s.s. Canton to-day. The cars are painted blue, with a character of "Yu" (mail) clearly inscribed on them.

Mr. Luis Chan's one-man exhibition of oil paintings and watercolours, which attracted a steady stream of visitors to St. John's Cathedral Hall yesterday, will be continued throughout to-day and to-morrow, the hours being from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Forty per cent of the gross income derived from the exhibition will be donated to the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China.

Queen Accepts Gift Of Prince Charlie Roses

A gift of two rose bushes, descendants of a bush that once grew in the garden of Bonnie Prince Charlie's villa in Rome, has been accepted by the Queen for the gardens at Balmoral Castle.

The donor is Mrs. A. Burnett Whyte, Erick House, Newmachar, wife of the chairman of the directors of Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. Prince Charlie sent the original bush to Miss Burnett of Erick, who was a staunch Jacobite, while he was exiled in Rome after the '45 Rebellion. When Mrs. Burnett Whyte went to Erick House 12 years ago she had read of the historic rose bush, but it was some time before she discovered it almost dead in a corner of the gardens.

The bush was carefully pruned and cared for until it began to

TUESDAY'S MENU

BREAKFAST

Sliced Oranges
Cereal
Jelly Omelette
Rye Toast
Cocoa

LUNCHEON

Oyster Soup
Devilled Egg Salad
Ham and Baked Beans
Spinach and Carrots
Heated French Bread
Mince Pie
Tea

DINNER

Alligator Pear Cocktail
Beef Broth
Shrimp Salad
Irish Stew
Baked Potatoes
Apple Pudding with Hard Sauce
Coffee

SIX KINGS AND A QUEEN TO TALK

Broadcasts From 17 Countries

WORLD'S FAIR PLAN

A novel series of world-wide broadcasts by 17 countries participating in the New York World's Fair is being arranged for January, February, March, and April.

Speeches by the rulers and eminent statesmen of each country and music played by nationally famous orchestras and military bands will be features of these programmes. They will be given every Sunday afternoon, starting at 1.30 p.m. New York time—6.30 p.m. G.M.T.—and will last half an hour.

The British broadcast will take place on April 23, St. George's Day. The Canadian programme is to be on Feb. 5, Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General, will speak from Ottawa.

EMPIRE BROADCAST

Each broadcast will be heard throughout the United States and in the country from which it originates. The British programme will be heard throughout the Empire.

Among those who have already agreed to speak are:

M. Lebrun, President of France, January 1.
Dr. Douglas Hyde, President of Eire, and Mr. de Valera, Prime Minister, January 3.
King Christian of Denmark, January 15.
Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, January 22.
King Carol of Rumania, February 12.
King Haakon of Norway, February 19.
King Leopold of the Belgians, February 26.
Prince Paul, Regent of Yugoslavia, March 5.
King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, March 12.
Admiral Horthy, Regent of Hungary, March 19.
Prince Chichibu, brother of the Emperor of Japan, April 2.
King Gustav of Sweden, April 9.
Details of the British programme are not yet complete.

Seven cases of dysentery, five cases of measles, three cases of diphtheria, two of chicken-pox and one case each of small-pox and puerperal fever are shown in the official health returns for the 48 hours ended midnight Sunday.



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HIGHWAY HOLD-UP MEN SENT TO PRISON

SEQUEL TO ATTEMPTED ROBBERY OF H.K. MINES PAY VAN

Sentence of ten years' hard labour was imposed on each of three men, Chung Kwai-ching, Tsui Hon-chau, and Hung Tak, by His Honour the Acting Police Judge, Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when they were charged before him on two counts of shooting with intent to murder and shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm, and two counts of wounding with intent to murder and wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The case was a sequel to the sensational attempted hold-up of a pay van belonging to the Hongkong Mines Ltd., which was carrying \$9,000 in wages for their employees, by four armed men on the Tai Po Road on October 22, when an Indian guard and one of the alleged would-be robbers were wounded.

One of the men escaped, and of the three charged Tsui Hon-chau pleaded guilty. To try the other two the following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. R. W. C. Lamont (foreman), A. A. Noronha, Paul Lee Kau, A. J. Burnie, C. M. Agon, R. E. Lee and D. F. Kilby. Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant

Crown Solicitor, prosecuting, said that about 11 a.m. on October 20 a pay van belonging to the Hongkong Mines Ltd. left Kowloon for the mines at Lin Ma Hang, carrying \$9,000 in wages for the employees there. In the van were Mr. M. L. Roberts, of the Hongkong Mines, Mak Wa-fu, the driver, and three Indian guards, Sergeant Shah Newaz, and Guards Ali Mohammed and Jahan, Mohammed.

SCENE OF CRIME

At noon the van was about two miles from Tai Po and was rounding an "S" bend down hill, when the occupants saw two Chinese sitting on the left side of the road and a little further on another two Chinese also sitting on the side of the road.

As the van approached the two nearer men got up and walked to the centre of the road. One of them was seen with a revolver in his hand. Mr. Roberts shouted out and reached for his own gun when the window was shattered by a bullet. There followed an exchange of fire in the course of which one of the guards, Jahan Mohammed, was hit in the hip and third prisoner was also wounded.

The van got through and on reaching Tai Po Police Station a report was made, as the result of which an emergency unit was sent to the scene. Third prisoner was found a little further along the road and a search of the surrounding undergrowth eventually disclosed a quantity of clothing, one Mauser pistol in good working order and another revolver which could not be fired. The other two prisoners were found in a hide-out they had dug in the undergrowth.

PROSECUTION WITNESSES

After many witnesses had been called for the prosecution, first accused went into the box, where he said he had had no intention to murder, his only intention being to rob their money. Under cross-examination he admitted it was agreed to shoot at the driver to stop the van, but it was not intended to murder him.

Second prisoner said the same thing and, under cross-examination said he had been told they were going to fire at it. If he had known that he would not have taken part in the robbery.

After a retirement of eight minutes, the jury returned a verdict of guilty of intent to murder. In passing sentence, His Lordship said he was in complete agreement with the verdict.

BUS DRIVER SUMMONED

Mr. H. G. Williams, of No. 30 Kadoorie Avenue, Kowloon Tong, appeared as the complainant in a case heard by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Court yesterday in which the defendant, a motor bus driver named Chan Shui Ngau, was convicted on a summons of dangerous driving and on two other summonses, being fined \$30 on the first charge and cautioned on the other two charges.

KOWLOON CIVIC PROBLEMS

Matters Discussed At Residents' Meeting

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Tuesday, December 13, in St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Those present were: Mr. B. Wyllie (President), Mr. R. Baldwin (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), Miss H. D. Sawyer, Rev. Fr. A. Granelli, Messrs. Li Chor-chi, C. M. Man-nara, D. W. Munton, R. Pestonji and C. E. Terry. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. F. C. Mow Fung and I. N. Murray.

The President reported having written to the Director of Education on the subjects of unregistered schools and "Safety First" propaganda in schools. The Director of Education had promised that inquiries should be made into the first matter and said that arrangements had already been made and schools circularised regarding the second.

MEMBERS REMOVED

The President read a list of 54 names of members whom he proposed should be removed from the membership list for various reasons. To this the Committee agreed.

With reference to the congestion at the Star Ferry Wharf, Hongkong, it was reported by members that, following police action, conditions there had recently improved.

Correspondence was read regarding the increase of crime in Kowloon, traffic matters, deficiencies in bus services, trees in Kowloon, refugee camps, season tickets for workmen (on Kowloon buses), and the alteration of a sectional bus stop in Nathan Road.

A letter from a member was read, drawing attention to the need for more buses to be put on the No. 6 route. It was felt that the matter was being dealt with already in the only possible way, by bringing the matter to the notice of the Traffic Board.

Chatham Road residents had also brought to the notice of the Committee matters in connection with the Children's Playground in that locality. The subject was referred to the Playgrounds Sub-Committee.

LAICHIKOK BEACH

A letter from the Chinese Y.M.C.A. appealing to the Association for assistance in making the beach at Laichikok available again for swimmers (the Medical Board having announced last July that swimming at the beach was dangerous on account of the proximity of the Cholera Hospital) was read. It was decided to send a copy of the letter to the Director of Medical Services asking for his views and recommending that, if possible, something be done to preserve the beach for bathing in view of the very large number of Chinese for which it had catered.

It having been brought to the Committee's notice that the Salisbury Road Car Park was now entirely inadequate, after some discussion regarding sites suitable for adaptation as extra additional parking places, it was agreed to write and ask Government to consider the advisability of using the piece of land on the corner of Nathan and Salisbury Roads for that purpose.

It was agreed to donate \$50 to St. Andrew's Church for allowing the Association to use the Church Hall for its meetings.

AIR MAILS

One plane of the Imperial Airways left Kai Tak this morning for Bangkok with mail and passengers.

Two planes of this Company are due from the South this afternoon.

WOMAN ACCUSED UNDER A NEW ORDINANCE

Sequel To Raid For Heroin

MAN'S ADMISSION

Sentences of 12 months' hard labour without the option of a fine, and \$180, in default, five months' hard labour were imposed on an aged man, Chan Cheung, who pleaded guilty before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday to charges of keeping a heroin divan at No. 23, Hing Loong Street, first floor, possession of 86 heroin pills and possession of 12 heroin pipes.

In connection with this case, a woman, named Ho Kwai-hing, was charged under a new Ordinance which was passed this year. She was charged with an offence under Section 21A, sub-section 1d of Ordinance 17 of 1938, which reads: "Being the tenant, lessee, occupier or person in charge of any place, did permit such place or any part thereof to be used as a heroin divan or for the unlawful storage or manufacture of heroin."

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ appeared for the woman and pleaded not guilty.

Revenue Officer J. L. Stephens, said he conducted a raid on the premises with Revenue Officer H. Millington on December 6. The front portion of the premises was used as a heroin divan and there were six persons smoking heroin.

When questioned first defendant, Chan Cheung, claimed to be the owner of the divan and second defendant said she was the principal tenant.

DEFENCE SUBMISSION

Submitting there was no case to answer, Mr. Russ said that the word permit referred to persons to whom the house is not let. A principal tenant had no control over the conduct of fellow-tenants, and the only way to discontinue the offensive practice was to give a month's notice to quit the premises and apply for an order of eviction. A landlord or principal tenant was not the person in charge of the whole premises.

In the witness box, Ho said she was not the principal tenant of the floor. She paid the rent to Chan.

Chan told the Court that Ho was the principal tenant and he was merely staying there looking after the front portion of the house.

The hearing was adjourned to noon to-day when the landlord will be called.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Lady Northcote Is Again President

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Horticultural Society was held in the boardroom of Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., yesterday.

Lady Northcote, who is President of the Society, attended the meeting and was re-elected President.

The Committee was re-elected as follows:—Major G. M. Churcher, R.A., Lt.-Col. H. E. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E., F. Filippone, J. F. Grose, Dr. G. A. C. Herklotz, Ho Kwan-tong, O.B.E., Mrs. R. E. Hoare, V. H. C. Jarrett, M. W. Lo, J. P. Robinson, G. G. N. Tinson, M.C., J. T. Bagram, (Hon. Secretary) and Andrew Tse, (Hon. Treasurer).

The dates which were agreed on for the annual Flower Show in 1939 are Thursday and Friday, March 9 and 10.

A private Committee meeting was held after the general meeting, which Lady Northcote attended.

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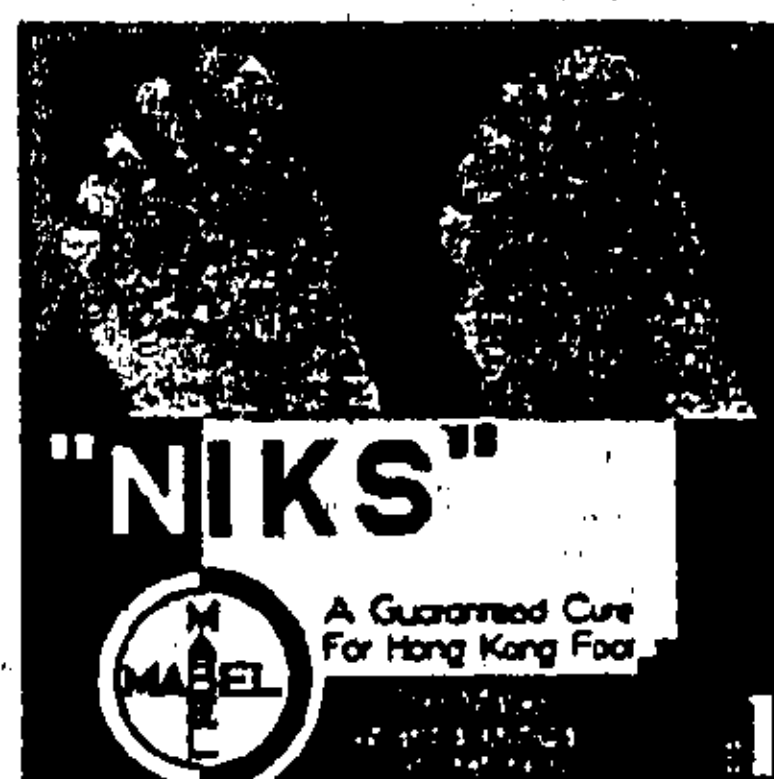
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SAMPAN BUILDER WAY-LAID

Ping Wu-fai, sampan-builder, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital on Saturday night suffering from an axe wound in the back, alleged to have been inflicted in Castle Peak Road at 10 p.m.

According to Ping Wu-fai, he was attacked by eight men.

The previous day he had met several men in a tea shop in Cheung Shawan Road who demanded \$5 from him and pressed him to join a certain Triad Society. He refused to give the money or join the Society.

The alleged assailant has not been located but the condition of Ping, is described as favourable.

POPE SPEAKS ON SCIENCE

Vatican City, Dec. 19. The Pope yesterday inaugurated the third year of the Pontifical Academy of Science. More vigorous than usual, he spoke for three quarters of an hour, dealing with Christmas and the marvels of eternal science.—Reuter



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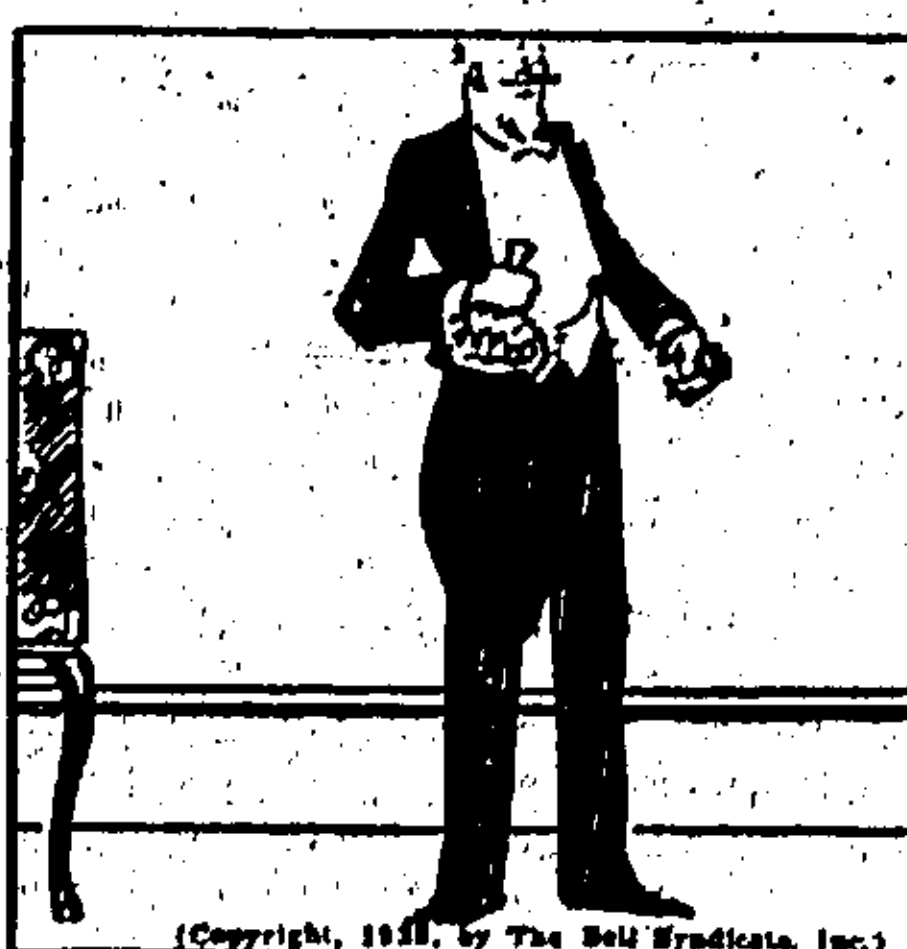
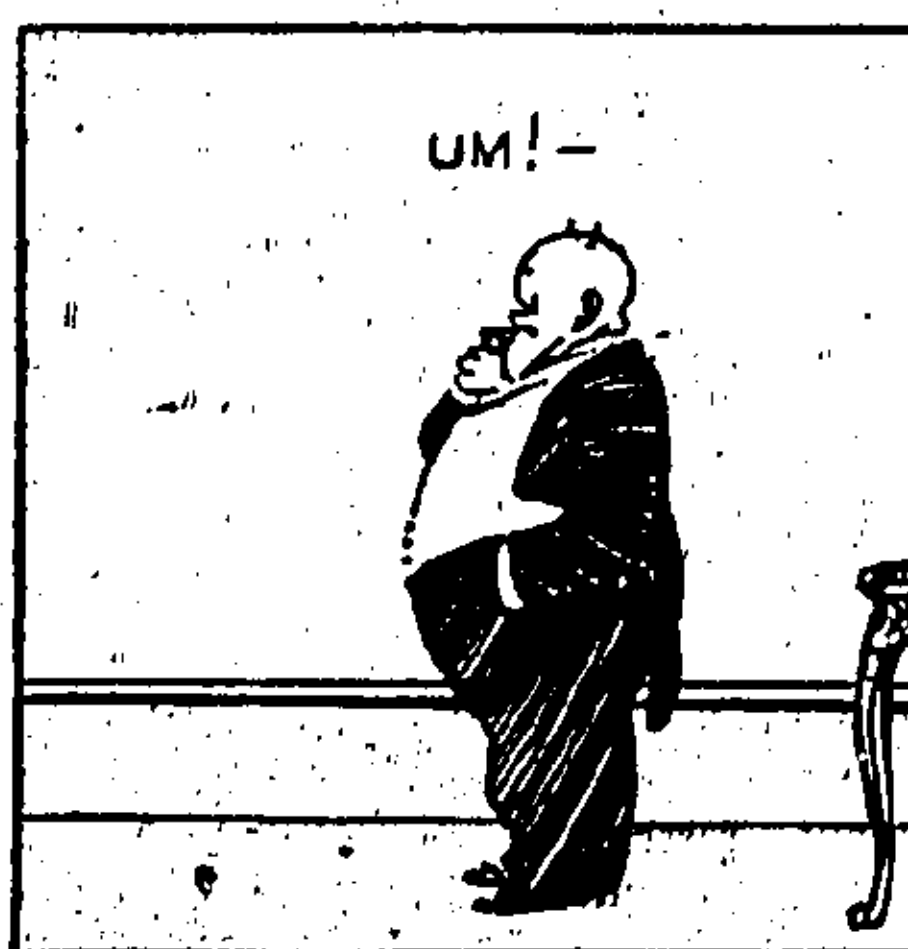
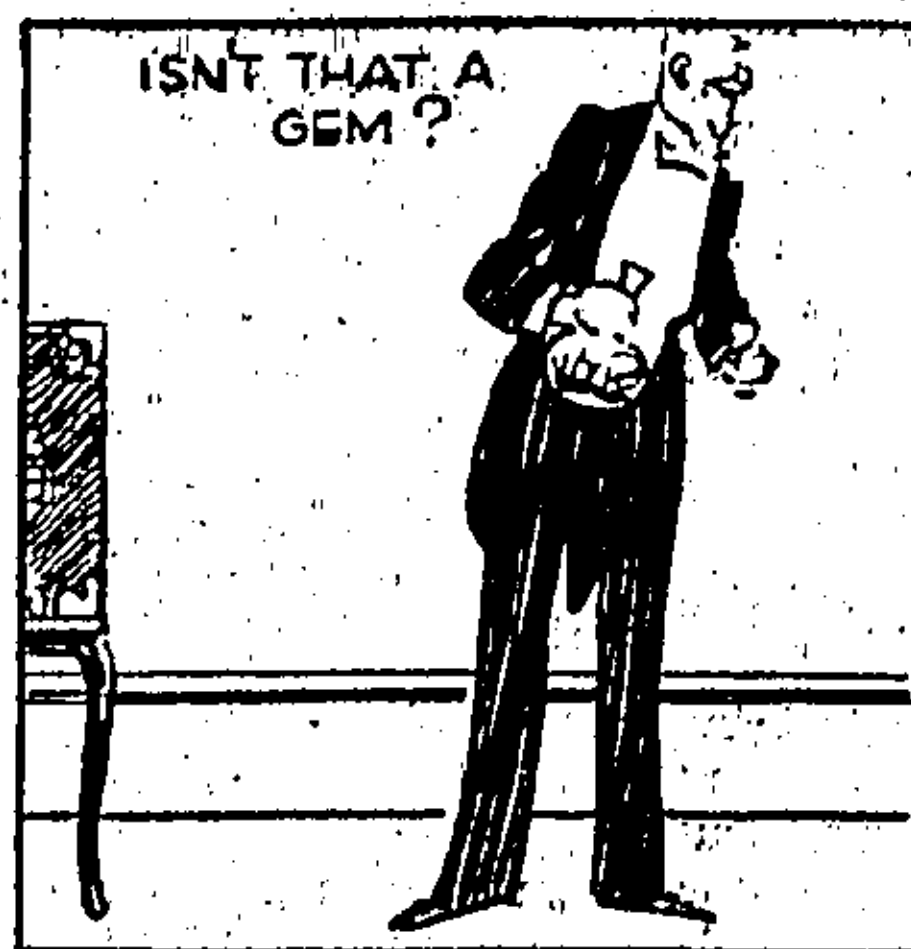
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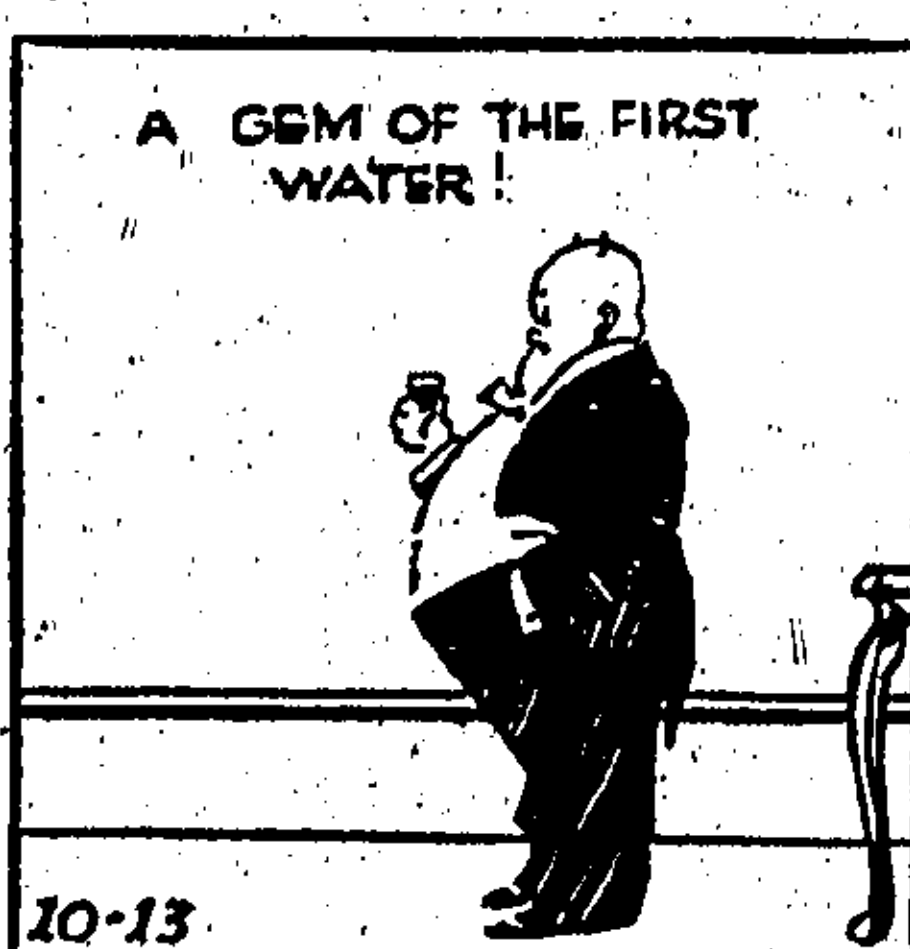
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By Order of the Court of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

DEATHS

HARRISON.—On December 10, 1938, at Wei Hai Wei, Ernest Norcott Harrison, at the age of 53. Late of the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co., Ltd.
HANSEN.—On December 13, 1938, at the St. Marie Hospital, Shanghai, Rasmus Peder Hansen, aged 72 years, late of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

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AID FOR CHINA

CHINA and the Chinese people have every reason to congratulate themselves upon the magnificent help which has been promised to them by Great Britain and the United States in the form of exports credits. Reports have indicated that the sum involved are £10,000,000 from Great Britain and U.S.\$20,000,000 from America but these figures apparently are not quite correct. The fact is that Great Britain has allotted, under a Bill now passing through Parliament, the sum of £10,000,000 to be devoted to export credit on the basis of political as well as commercial considerations. Naturally, it is hoped by the Chinese people that their country may be allotted a very considerable portion of the amount thus earmarked.

THIS ASSISTANCE, coupled with the co-operation which France has accorded to China so far as the development of railway-building in Yunnan and Szechuen Provinces are concerned, and the credits granted by Soviet Russia, is especially welcome and there can be no doubt that, no matter how large or how small the credits may be, they have brought great hopes and rejoicing into the hearts of our Chinese friends.

COMING AS IT HAS at a time when the situation in China was considered by many people to be far from bright, the assistance thus accorded by CONFIDENCE, the two leading Anglo-Saxon nations has come as a great surprise to many. It shows that the Powers' sympathy with the great Republic of the Far East has by no means waned and that, by this visible sign of encouragement and moral support, they are still confident in China's ability to resist the Japanese invasion to the very end. Whereas Japan's credit has declined to almost nil and her finances are exceptionally unsound in spite of the fact that she has occupied so much of her peaceful neighbour's territory and slammed the Open Door in the face of third party nations, China's credit remains as sound as ever. The mere fact that the Powers have seen fit to render material aid to China at this critical period, while refusing repeated requests from Tokyo, is a definite and glowing tribute to China's financial strength.

WITH THE CREDITS which she is to receive, China will be able to purchase capital goods of which she is sorely in need, and she will, furthermore, be enabled to develop her trade with western

HOUSE-BOY AS
COMPLAINANTBritish Sailors
Convicted

Henry F. R. Alldridge, 21, and Thomas Gore, 20, both First Class stokers of H.M.S. Diamond, appeared before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday jointly charged with assaulting Lau Chu, house-boy employed at No. 104, The Peak, and Constable Tsang Kam, at Lockhart Road on Saturday morning.

Lau told the Court that about 2 a.m. he went to the Ping On Garage to engage a car. When nearing Lockhart Road he heard the two defendants making noise. He stopped to look and first defendant approached him and punched him on his chest, while Gore struck him on the face.

A Chinese constable said that he heard the police whistle blowing, and went to investigate. He approached the first defendant and endeavoured to show him his identification card when he was assaulted. He left and came back later with an European officer.

Both defendants denied the charges and said that one of the Royal Scots who was at the scene was responsible for the assault on the constable.

First defendant was convicted on the second charge, and was fined \$25 or a month's hard labour. The first charge was dismissed.

The second defendant was convicted on the first charge and was fined \$10 or 14 days' hard labour, and order to pay \$5 compensation to the house-boy or to serve seven days' imprisonment. The second charge was dismissed.

FIRE ABOARD
JAPANESE
SHIP

Shanghai, Dec. 19. Fire broke out on the Tatsuno Maru at the N. Y. K. wayside wharf at 8 o'clock this morning. Units from the Yangtzeport and Central Fire Station rushed to the wharf and assisted the harbour brigade in extinguishing the blaze. A large quantity of chemicals stored on the ship was damaged. It is understood. River fire officers were still on the scene at the time of going to press. The damage is heavy, it is believed.—Reuter.

countries through Burma, thus frustrating Japan's hopes that the JAPAN'S HOPE OF SEIZURE OF coastal cities would SHATTERED cut her off from the rest of the world, and sound the death knell to her so far as the war of resistance was concerned.

THE GRANT of the credits is a friendly gesture on the part of Great Britain and the United States which the Chinese people appreciate far in excess of the actual monetary value though, of course, they could not have been more welcome to China than at the present critical moment.

AS SHE HAS always endeavoured to do in the past, even at a time when a large portion of her territory was over-run with hostile troops, China will honour her obligations, and she will never let her friends down no matter how difficult her financial position may be. As the Chinese press in Chungking rightly put it, "China has been able to exist for over 5,000 years principally due to her traditional sense of integrity." She has unlimited resources and possesses such great powers of recovery that the Powers need have no fear that she will default.

WITH THIS great financial victory, China is now made stronger in her fight to shatter Japan's imperialistic dreams and to safeguard the position and interests of third-party powers in her dominion. The war is by no means ended but we can say with confidence that China's victory has been brought nearer to realization.

IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE that Japan may threaten retaliation but for this Great Britain and the United States are prepared: retaliation is a game in which more than one can play and, if Japan decides to take retaliatory measures, she will find that they will act more as a boomerang than anything else.

IT IS SUCH ACTS of active assistance that will cement the bonds of true international friendship and co-operation between China and friendly Powers. China must be re-built and it is but natural to expect that the Chinese people will turn to the friendly western Powers for that assistance.

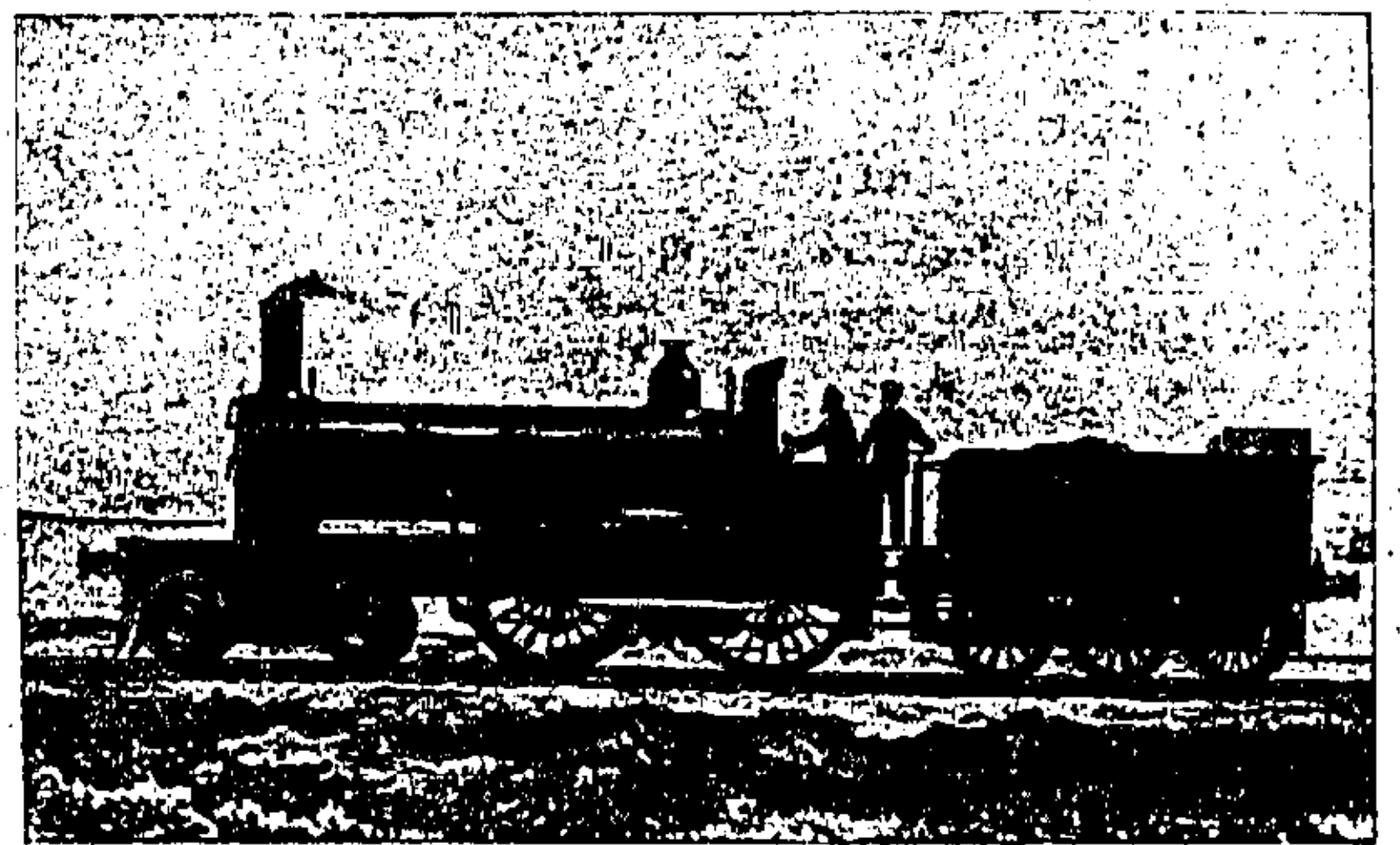
NORTH BRITISH RAILWAY
ENGINE NO. 224Only One Still At Work
In September 1906

The picture which accompanies this article is of melancholy interest, for it is of the engine that, on the night of Sunday, December 28, 1879, fell through the old Tay Bridge with its train of six carriages, and left no soul, to tell the tale.

No. 224 was designed by Mr. Wheatley, locomotive engineer to the North British Railway, and, together with one other of the same class, was built at the company's Cowlairs Works in 1871. It is the most modern looking of the locomotives we illustrate, as well as one of the most handsome, and has the further distinction of being the only one which was still in September, 1906, at work. When new, it had 17-in. by 24-in. cylinders, 6-ft. 6-in. coupled wheels, 1,059 square ft. of heating surface, and weighed 36 tons. Its cast steel bogie wheels were 2-ft. 9-in. in diameter.

After its fall to the bottom of the Tay, it lay submerged for some three months, but was eventually recovered, little the worse for its terrible adventure. Mr. D. Drummond, who had succeeded Mr. Wheatley as locomotive engineer, raised the engine by slinging it from the bows of a hulk. It was floated to the ramp of the Tayport landing stage, drawn up to the top, and placed in the running shed. Practically the only damage was that caused to the cabling by the slings. The parts were taken asunder, cleaned and oiled, and she ran from Tayport to Cowlairs under her own steam a day or two after being landed, and was put into service again shortly afterwards.

When recovered, it was seen that the regulator was wide open, the reversing lever in forward gear, and the brakes unapplied, showing that the driver had had not even a few seconds' warning of the disaster. Mr. M. Holmes, who succeeded Mr. Drummond, later on gave No. 224 a new boiler and converted it to a tandem compound. In this shape, it was a disastrous failure, as the writer, to his sorrow, discovered, as he had frequently to travel behind it between Stirling and Dunfermline. Occasionally, it had to be started with crowbars if no Samartian engine was high to give it a push. After a brief, inglorious existence in this condition, it became again a simple engine, and in that guise is now earning money for the North British shareholders between Glasgow and Perth.



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The bridge was built from the designs of Mr. T. Bouch, engineer to the North British Railway (who was knighted on its completion), by Hopkins, Gilkes & Co., Mid-diesbrough, and cost £350,000. Prior to opening, the Board of Trade tested it by running to and fro, at the speed of 40 miles an hour, six heavy locomotives and tenders, weighing 438 tons and forming a train 291 ft. long, and under that severe proof the spans showed but an insignificant deflection, although, as a matter of precaution, the licensed speed of trains was limited to 25 miles an hour, a regulation which the railway company ignored.

It is noteworthy that General Hutchinson, the inspector, said that he would have liked an opportunity of observing the effects of a high wind when a train was running over the bridge.

(To be continued to-morrow)

BRITISH GUNBOATS
LEAVE HANKOW

Hankow, Dec. 19. Moving down river for the first time since the hostilities began four British gunboats steamed out of Hankow under Japanese escort for points down river at dawn this morning.

Of the four so moving the Mantle and Peterel are going to Shanghai while the Tern is remaining at Nanking and the Gnat at Wuhu.

Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt is among those aboard. The gunboats Cricket and Aphis which arrived at Hankow from points down river on Saturday formally took over duties at Hankow at midnight.—Reuter.

REPAIRS TO GNAT

Shanghai, Dec. 19. The Gnat broke down en route to Wuhu and it is expected repairs will take a few hours. The re- the ferry boat made on that mainder of the gunboats are re- rough night. It can be very bo- maining behind until repairs are tious on that part of the Forth effected.

The Mantle and Peterel are ex- pected at Shanghai on December 24 while the U. S. S. Monocacy, which is stopping over for refuel- at Kluksing is arriving on Christ- on June 1 in the previous mas Day.—Reuter.

CORRESPONDENCE

NEW WORLD PEACE
CONFERENCE(To The Editor, "Hongkong
Daily Press")

Sir—None realizes more than the Peace Pledge Union that Mr. Neville Chamberlain is making a sincere effort to create and establish peace in Europe and the world generally, with his policy of appeasement, but it is the conviction of the P. P. U. that permanent world peace depends upon a fundamental and general settlement. It is the belief of the Union that permanent peace cannot be secured by competitive armaments, through sacrifices imposed upon small nations, or by exclusive arrangements between groups of major Powers. The Union therefore urges the necessity of holding a new peace conference open to all nations and directed towards remedying the economic and political conditions likely to lead to war.

To this end, it prays that H. M. Government will take, in consultation with the President of the United States of America, the necessary steps to secure the holding of such a conference, after adequate preparation, and to offer the fullest collaboration of Britain in bringing the negotiations to a successful issue.

The Hongkong group of the Peace Pledge Union unanimously associates itself with this petition which is to be presented in due course to H. M. Government, and cordially invites residents of Hongkong to add their signatures to it. Copies of the petition are now in the hands of members of the Peace Pledge Union in Hongkong, through whom signatures to the petition can be made, or alternatively the petition can be signed upon inquiry at the Challenge Book Shop, 1st floor Queen's Building, Ice House Street.

A. SHORT
Hon Sec., H.K. Group, P.P.U.
Hongkong, Dec. 17.

VIGILANCE OF
CORSICANSItalians Closely
Watched

Bastia (Corsica), Dec. 19. Strict supervision of the activities of Italian agents in Corsica is demanded in a resolution passed by the Committee of Action and Defence, which was formed here following the recent Italian claims to French territory.

Other resolutions passed demanded:—

The withdrawal of the right of Italians to shoot game; Strict control to ensure that immigration "is not excessive";

Immediate reinforcement of all existing military forces and creation of new naval and air bases on the island;

Assurance of proper food supplies.

Reinforcement of the special police, the number of which is considered insufficient;

Suppression of the Italian newspaper "Muvra";

Exclusion of Italian labourers from public works construction on the island and from the local administration, and

Supervision of Italian residents and immediate expulsion of all suspicious characters.—Reuter.

CHAMBERLAIN
MAY PAY SECOND
CALL ON HITLER

London, Dec. 19. The "Sunday Chronicle" alleges that Mr. Neville Chamberlain, after his return from his visit to Rome, plans another call on Chancellor Hitler.

The paper asserts that Mr. Chamberlain and the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, on their way back from Rome to London, will meet in Paris, the French Premier, M. Daladier, and M. Bonnet, to discuss the possibility of inviting Field Marshall Goering to London to discuss pending political questions.

The result of these various discussions would be a Four-Power Conference.

The "Sunday Dispatch" believes that Hitler will submit next year to the world the plan of a conference on armament restrictions, to be signed by the four big European Powers.—Trans-ocean.

WHITHER FRANCE?

AN ILLUMINATING STUDY
OF THE COUNTRY'S DILEMMA
BEFORE THE FASCIST THREAT
BY JACK CHEN

London, December 4.

The central question in Europe to-day is "Whither France?" Is she going to support the principles of collective security and peace for all? Or is she going to trust herself to the "security" offered by a Four-Power Pact with London, Berlin and Rome, and renounce all her Eastern alliances including the Franco-Soviet Pact of mutual assistance?

The Munich "Settlement" has decisively changed the balance of power in Europe. The Nazis already claim that they are the paramount European power. It is probably true that, with the exception of the Soviet Union, no single European state can match her armaments. Thus two courses are open to her neighbours threatened by her expansion. The first is capitulation. Austria has been swallowed whole. Czechoslovakia has been robbed of territory and defence; suffers dictation of her internal political life, and is forced to consent to the building of a military, extra-territorial road, running through the heart of the country.

The other alternative is to strengthen national defences to the utmost both by rearmament and by systems of defence alliances. It is obvious that if these defence alliances of nations wishing peace are based on the principle of collective security—that is, security of all nations wishing to combine for peace against any aggressor—peace could be maintained. A union of Britain, France, the U.S.S.R. and America alone would be sufficient to maintain peace.

Mr. Chamberlain, however, has proposed a third alternative appeasement. He has never clearly defined what this policy is, but piecing together his hints it can be taken as meaning "the settlement of outstanding differences based on a recognition of the realities of the situation." Unfortunately, the totalitarian Powers have a knack of changing the realities of the situation in their favour; and, in effect, appeasement has so far led to the consistent aggrandizement of the Fascist states with the accompanying horrors of war and invasion and racial, religious and political persecution and with the growing threat of a culminating horror—World War!

Appeasement means, to Hitler, a Germany embracing all Germanic peoples, domination of all Central and South-eastern Europe, the destruction of Bolshevism, Jewry and Democracy, etc., etc., or, in a word, Nazi domination of Europe.

Mussolini is less ambitious, but his demands for Tunis, Corsica and Nice, and for domination of Spain also mean the virtual capitulation of Britain and France who hold the giving end of appeasement. The categorical refusal of these two powers to give up any of their own colonies merely indicates their readiness to defend themselves, and allow others to pay the cost of appeasement. That cost has already been paid by Austria, Czechoslovakia and Abyssinia. The printed organs supporting appeasement make no secret of the fact that Spain, China, the Balkans and the U.S.S.R. are also on the list.

Yet a consideration of the present situation in France strengthens the contention that a policy of appeasement based on power politics is not a safe substitute for collective security, even for Britain and France.

(To Be Concluded To-morrow)

GREAT FIRE IN
UTRECHTRailway Station
Destroyed

Utrecht, Dec. 19. The main railway station of Utrecht was almost completely destroyed by a fire which broke out on Saturday night and was not extinguished till midday yesterday. Damage caused was so extensive that a completely new station will have to be built.

The operations of fire brigades from Utrecht, which were reinforced by men and appliances from Amsterdam, were greatly impeded by the severe cold and violent blasts of wind which rekindled the flames again and again when the fire appeared to have been already extinguished.

Fortunately, no lives were lost. Material damage caused was extremely great, however, although the railway tracks did not suffer any damage so that normal train traffic could be maintained late yesterday.—Transocean.

ROYAL SCOTS
BOXING

The preliminary round of the Individual Open Boxing Competition of the 2nd. Bn. The Royal Scots was decided yesterday evening when the following results were recorded:

Welterweight: Elliott defeated Ritchie.

Middleweight: Emerson defeated Butterworth.

Heavyweight: Sharman defeated Lynch.

Heavyweight: Peebles defeated Alexander.

The competition, which is being fought at Murray Barracks, was to have commenced at 9 p.m. but owing to the small entry list the four preliminary bouts were decided when the boxing commenced at 5 p.m. The final round in seven weights will be fought on Thursday, from 9 p.m.

SPANISH WAR
TRUCE MOVENationalists May
Reject Proposal

Paris, Dec. 18. Burgos messages report that rumours are circulating in insurgent Spain that moves are being considered abroad for a month's armistice in Spain over Christmas.

It is alleged that the Spanish Committee for Civil Peace, in conjunction with the French and British Committees, are considering the possibility of asking the Pope and countries represented at the Lima Conference to suggest an armistice to the rival forces.

It is declared in Burgos that General Franco has not changed his standpoint, namely, no armistice or compromise.

It is further stated that if the Pope or South American countries brought such a proposal they would receive a courteous but firm refusal.—Reuter.

DANCING, GAMBLING
PROHIBITED

Chungking, Dec. 19. Dancing and gambling among civil servants are strictly prohibited in Chungking, the seat of the National Government. Violators will be court-martialled.—Central News.

Another batch of 150 overseas Chinese in Siam, deported by the Siamese Government, have arrived here en route to their native towns in Fukien. At least 3,000 Chinese in Siam have returned to China during the past few months, it is estimated, says "Central News."

British Air Arm Most Formidable In Europe At Outset Of Any War

New York, December 19. At the outset of any war, the British Air Force, all things considered, would probably be the most formidable air arm in Europe, states Major Fielding Elliot, well-known writer on military affairs in a report to the Foreign Policy Association. Major Elliot adds that the British Air Force in training, equipment, command and tactical doctrine ranks very high but its weakness lies in the inability of British industry, without more control, to replace planes as rapidly and as integrated as the German industry can replace German losses.

FINANCIAL AID FOR CHINA

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a political gesture of Washington to Japan there would be nothing more dangerous.

"When the Japanese people are convinced that the loan to the Chiang Kai-shek regime is really intended as economic pressure by powerful economic units, the reaction would prove 'contrary to what America expects and the Japanese people would undoubtedly find new grounds for strengthening the proposed new order in East Asia.'

"Personally speaking, I am not inclined to regard the reported loan as a political gesture."

When questioned regarding the Britain loan, Mr. Arta replied that the same remarks applied.—Reuter.

UNQUALIFIED APPROVAL

London, Dec. 19. In following the lead of the United States by intimating its intention to give financial help to China the British Government has obtained the unqualified approval of the London press.

The "Daily Express" says the British and American credits are intended to enable the Chinese to keep the back door open to trade now that the Japanese have locked and bolted the front door.

The "News-Chronicle" stresses the important part played by transportation in that it examines the two remaining routes by which China is able to obtain supplies from abroad, namely, the line of communication with Burma and the caravan route from Russia.

Mr. Vernon Bartlett predicts that the Burma route will be developed to such an extent that by next year it will fully compensate the Chinese for the loss of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. In order to reach the Burmese frontier the Chinese will have to build a further 344 miles of roadway. It is said that at present 150,000 coolies are engaged on the construction of roads in China.—Transocean.

CLOSING COLONIES TO JAPANESE TRADE

London, Dec. 19. The British Government is reported to be advancing money to China so that the Chinese can open their back-door to our trade, while the Japanese are shutting the front door on it, says the "Daily Express" to-day.

"At the same time the Japanese insist upon entering our market in the crown colonies by the front door. The proper course for us is not to open the back-door of China for our goods, but to shut the front-door in the colonies to Japanese goods."

"We have the right and power to do it. If we shut that door, we shall soon find the Japanese will try to open the front-door of China to us once more," concludes the newspaper.—Reuter.

BRITAIN, U.S. READY TO RETALIATE

London, Dec. 19. If Japan persists in discriminating against foreign trade in China, Britain and the United States are prepared to retaliate, says the "Manchester Guardian" in an editorial to-day referring to the significance of the American credit of \$5,000,000 and the reported British credit to China. The latter, the "Manchester Guardian" takes as a fact, is fixed at \$450,000.

Recognizing that British and American discrimination against Japanese trade will be a "more serious and more effective weapon" than loans or credits, the "Manchester Guardian" adds that it is only to be expected that Japan will react strongly against these measures but it is doubtful whether she can do more than she is already doing.

As it is, Britain has assailed the Japanese press as the "real enemy" and "power behind China" and, "since we are already condemned, it can make little difference whether we are innocent or guilty of the charges."—Reuter.

Major Elliot declares, "An estimate, based on reliable information, gave the German first line strength in April, 1938, as 1,620. At this moment the Reich admits its first line strength does not exceed 3,000 and this includes a squadron of reserve planes. This strength is not much, if any, greater than Britain's total strength in Europe including the Mediterranean."

"It is about two-thirds greater than the French Air Force," Major Elliot declares that the German Air Force has, in a sense, become an instrument of international blackmail.—Reuter.

IS SETTLEMENT LIKELY?

Soviet-Japan Fishery Question

Tokyo, Dec. 19. "God only knows" was the Japanese Foreign Office spokesman's reply when asked at a press conference this morning whether a settlement of the Russo-Japanese fishery question was likely.

He said Japan would be satisfied if the status quo were maintained but the Soviet evidently wanted to break it. The spokesman admitted that Mr. Shigenori Togo, Japanese Ambassador in Moscow, had asked M. Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet Foreign Commissar, to give a reply by December 20 but asserted that the date mentioned did not represent a time limit as alleged by the Japanese press.—Reuter.

HIGHER WAGES FOR POSTAL EMPLOYEES

London, Dec. 19. One hundred and fifty thousand employees of the General Post Office of Britain will receive higher pay as from next year. The new rates are applicable to nearly every member of the service.—Reuter.

Imposing List Of British Warships Under Construction

London, December 19. An imposing list of British warships under construction is given in the new edition of "Jones Fighting Ships," just issued.

They include five battleships and three aircraft carriers, 18 cruisers, 32 destroyers, and 15 submarines.

The French naval building programme includes four battleships each with eight 15-in guns, two aircraft carriers, three cruisers, 32 destroyers, four torpedo boats and 24 submarines.

Germany's new capital ship construction is listed as three battleships, each with eight 15-in guns. It is believed a fourth is projected. With regard to Japan it is stated that four battleships are projected two of which are reported to have been laid down this year. They are believed to be over 40,000 tons and armed with eight or nine 16-in. guns.

"Jones" states that independent evidence goes far to support Japanese reports that the Soviet fleet based at Vladivostok includes 70 submarines, 50 motor torpedo boats. Three Soviet battleships of 35,000 tons are projected. They will be armed with nine 16-in. guns.—Reuter.

FAR EASTERN DEFENCE

London, Dec. 19. Important strategic additions to Great Britain's Far Eastern defence pattern are planned for Malaya by the Royal Air Force, Reuter understands on reliable authority.

This is in conformity with the known plan for protecting the fortress of Singapore from "back door" attacks north or east.

The new preparations, Reuter understands, not only exist on paper but are within an ace of completion.

Strategists, it is stated, will be impressed by the increasing strength of Singapore as a defensive base.

Work is also proceeding on two new military landing fields on Singapore Island.—Reuter.

THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING



PHOTOGRAPH taken at the Thirteenth Extra Race meeting held at Happy Valley on Saturday. (Photo by Leica).

IN THE

WORLD'S NEWS

BRITAIN

The Queen and Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose have returned to Buckingham Palace from Windsor. The King also returned having been unable to spend another day shooting at Windsor.

BURMA

In order to meet the threatened civil disobedience campaign, the Government has issued a communique announcing its decision to take "all necessary measures" effectively to check the present campaign of civil disobedience and general lawlessness.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Because of the prolongation of the state of emergency and the censorship throughout Czechoslovakia by another three months, the Prague Government decreed yesterday in order not to delay the publication of news as from Tuesday, a representative of the chief censor will be detailed to every newspaper office.

FRANCE

A Paris rumour is to the effect that General Antonescu, the former Commander-in-Chief of the Rumanian Army who was recently arrested by order of the Rumanian Government, committed suicide in his prison cell. Only recently Colonel Vulturescu, of the Rumanian Army, was reported to have taken his life after an incident which occurred in a Bucharest cabaret.

GERMANY

The Reichs Economic Minister, Dr. Funk, left Berlin for Sicily where he will spend his holidays. On his return to Germany he will stay for some days in Rome and call on the Italian Corporation Minister who has just arrived back from Germany.

Dr. Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, returned from London yesterday. It is admitted in Berlin that he discussed the question of Jewish emigration during his stay in London.

INDIA

The tension between the Congress Party on one hand the Government and rulers of native States on the other has been considerably increased lately according to reports from India. Singing of the Hindu national anthem "Bande Mataram" has been prohibited in Hyderabad.

The ruler of the small State of Rajkot saw himself compelled to grant a constitutional reform to his subjects among whom the influence of the Congress has made such a headway recently.

ITALY

The coal-mining town of Carbonia, in Sardinia, was officially christened on Sunday by Mussolini.

JERUSALEM

A sharp engagement between Arab irregulars and British troops occurred near Hebron. The Arab irregulars had been sighted by the British airmen and mobile detachments were sent out to track them down.

RUMANIA

The Rumanian Government plans to emigrate 50,000 Jews from Rumania. Every Jew wishing to leave the country will be provided free transportation to any Mediterranean port and will be given \$9. The cost of the scheme will be about \$500,000 yearly and rich Rumanian Jews have agreed to contribute towards this sum.

RUSSIA

Hundreds of thousands assembled on Sunday in Moscow's Red Square for the funeral of M. Chkalov, prominent Soviet official, while Stalin, Molotov and others carried the urn containing the cremated remains.

SPAIN

Two hundred and fifty members of the International Brigade, including 39 seriously wounded, and accompanied by 13 Red Cross nurses crossed from Republican Spanish frontier into France. One hundred and ten of them were French, 62 English, 31 North-Americans, 16 Swiss, 14 Belgians while the remaining is Dutch, Danes or Norwegians. All non-French will be sent to their home country without delay.

TURKEY

The commercial treaty between Turkey and the United States of America was initiated at Ankara yesterday.

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Outspoken Attack On Fascism

WITCHCRAFT HAS BEEN ENTHRONED

New York, Dec. 18. One of the most outspoken attacks on Fascism ever made by a United States Minister, was uttered by Mr. Harold I. Ickes, Secretary for the Interior, when addressing the Cleveland Zionist Society to-day.

He declared that it was an insult to Middle Ages to compare modern totalitarianism with conditions in those days.

"To seek a true comparison, we must return to the period when man was unlettered, benighted and bestial."

"Certain sections of Europe to-day made it possible for the anthropologists to study primitive man without reconstruction of the social order on the basis of human jaw bones, or a few implements used long ago."

"The intelligence and culture of humane people have been sunk and are traceless in the thick darkness of primitive times."

"Witchcraft has been enthroned and modern dictators have set themselves up as high priests of a more cruel, if more refined, voodooism."

"As the man-god rule of the tribe, the dictator follows the form familiar to every student of primitive culture."

LINDBERGH ATTACKED. Mr. Ickes attacked Mr. Henry Ford and Colonel Lindbergh for accepting decorations from Herr Hitler.

"How can any American, calling himself a Christian, accept decorations from the hands of a brutal dictator, who, with the same hands, robs and tortures thousands of his fellow humans," he asked. Perhaps Mr. Ford and Colonel Lindbergh will be willing to answer.

"These are not the only ones who have accepted a token of contemptuous distinction at a time when the bestower himself, counts only the day lost when he can commit no new crime against humanity."

Mr. Ickes declared that Fascism was an ever-present threat to the United States, "as it is to France, and even more, to the mother of the democracies, England."—Reuter.

DEVELOPMENT OF YUNNAN

Chungking, Dec. 19. A wealthy Singapore business man, Mr. Hu Wen-hu is raising a sum of \$50,000,000 for the development of natural resources in Yunnan province according to reports reaching here. Mr. Liang Yu-kao, Chinese member of the Sino-British Yunnan-Burma border commission, together with Mr. Teal Haden-chang, representative of Mr. Hu Wen-hu are en route to Kunming to discuss the matter with General Lung Yun, Governor of Yunnan. It is reported here.—Reuter.

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ARABS DEMONSTRATE LOYALTY TO BRITAIN

Jerusalem, December 19. A colourful and impressive spectacle, was provided when 3,000 Arab villagers yesterday, demonstrated their loyalty to the King and Britain on the hillside village of Yatta, south of Hebron.

Unfurling of the Union Jack was accompanied by a trumpet sounding the general salute and an outburst of applause.

Major-General O'Connor and other prominent officials arrived, in a convoy of cars, escorted by Sheikh's astride horses and camels, through typically "ambush country."

Major O'Connor briefly replied, declaring that the army would continue to suppress the rebellion, and in this connection he hoped for the assistance of the villagers.—Reuter.

SHEIKH SHOT DEAD

Jerusalem, Dec. 18. Sheikh Arkati, a preacher in the Mosque Omar, was shot dead to-day within the old city.

He was one of the group who recently invited British troops to inspect the Mosque precincts when it was alleged that snipers were hidden there.—Reuter.

HEAVY CASUALTIES

Jerusalem, Dec. 19. A Royal Air Force pilot was slightly hurt and a British soldier wounded and Arabs sustained heavy casualties in a clash between British troops and aircraft and a large band of Arabs eight miles from the place where a big meeting of Arab loyalists was held yesterday.—Reuter.

REFEREES AT DINNER

The Referees Association held their annual dinner at the Hotel Cecil last evening when Mr. J. Finch presided over a very representative gathering.

A very acceptable menu was put up by the hotel and in the course of the evening several speeches were made by the principle speakers being the chairman and Mr. S. MacCormac, Hon. Secretary of the Association.

The Loyal Toast was proposed by the chairman while Mr. MacCormac toasted "The Guests."

SHAI POLICE ON ALERT TO DEAL WITH NEW MENACE

Daring Armed Robbers

Shanghai, Dec. 19. It appears that stringent police measure taken on Saturday night in barricading alleyways leading to Japanese controlled territory has taken effect. The alarming and daring series of outbreaks of armed crime in this area appear to be dying down. The police are faced with a particularly difficult situation as they are unable to operate in Japanese controlled territory where armed robbers, many of whom have been carrying rifles in recent weeks, flee on arrival of the police.

Armed robberies in this district have been of a particularly daring nature of late. They operate in large groups and face the police with cool daring unlike the ordinary Shanghai gangster who has a noted respect for the police.

This new type of gangster is probably composed of the guerrilla element filtering in from Japanese controlled territory. Despite their daring, however, the gangsters are notoriously poor shooters. In several instances recently the gangsters opened fire at close range on the police, in one case with rifles, but each time they missed.

The police are now thoroughly on the alert to deal with the new menace and it is unlikely, with reinforcements in the threatened area and a continual watch kept, that the recent outrages will be repeated.—Reuter.

BRAYFIELD LIBEL CASE ENDED

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Beginning his legal arguments on privilege, in the absence of the jury, Mr. Potter said his submission would be that the alleged libel was published on a privileged occasion and that there was no evidence of malice.

"It is difficult," Mr. Potter continued, "to see how it can be argued that the occasion was not privileged, but I will even go so far as to say that apart from Article 79 altogether, the Club is entitled to take action against a member whose account has not been paid. According to Article 83, any question as to the interpretation of the foregoing articles of the Association has to be referred to the Stewards, whose decision shall be final. As they had agreed that this case fell within Article 79, the matter must end there."

With due respect, Mr. Potter submitted, it was not for the Court to say whether their decision was right or wrong, but even assuming that it was a matter for the Court, the action of the Stewards was privileged because Article 79 of the Association laid down that any member whose account had not been paid at the end of the month, after due notice, shall be posted in the Clubhouse as a defaulter and shall, ipso facto, cease to be a member. If, at the expiration of one week, the account still remained unpaid, unless the Stewards saw fit to order otherwise.

It had been suggested, went on Counsel, that Article 79 did not apply to this case because the account was disputed.

There was nothing, he submitted, in the Article to induce one to take such a view, and the only question was whether the account had been paid or not.

Continuing, Counsel submitted that the account was unpaid, but why it was unpaid did not alter in the slightest degree the construction of Article 79, the whole object of which was that members might be posted.

Mr. Potter went on to submit that even assuming that Article 79 did not exist, the action taken by the Stewards was privileged, and quoted a number of cases on qualified privilege to support his contention.

MR. MACNAMARA'S REPLY

Mr. Macnamara, replying, said it was quite true that the Stewards thought they had power under Article 79 to post the plaintiff, but the question as to whether there was any other course of action open to them was never discussed at all.

The Stewards' power of interpretation of the Articles, however, would only apply in cases where a dispute arose and their interpretation was called upon.

A reasonable interpretation of the Article would be that if there was a person owing money to the Club and no explanation of why he did not pay was forthcoming, then he was a defaulter.

That the Stewards acted in good faith did not make the occasion privileged; the only point was whether they were acting under Article 79. The plaintiff's case was that they were not and in that event there could be no question of privilege. With definite evidence that the plaintiff disputed the account, he could not be branded as a defaulter under that Article.

After Mr. Potter had made further submissions, His Lordship ruled: "I hold the occasion was privileged."

QUESTION OF MALICE

Mr. Potter then went on to the question of malice. Mr. Potter said there was not a scintilla of evidence of malice and, if there were, it would not be sufficient for this case, since the Appeal Court had ruled that a scintilla of evidence was not sufficient.

In using their powers, the Stewards merely went so far as to say that Mr. Brayfield would be dealt with under Article 79.

Mr. Macnamara said the anxiety of the Stewards to recover the sum of \$9.10 made them overlook the slur on a man's character which

An unlicensed hawk was, at the Kowloon Court yesterday, awarded one dollar compensation from the Poor Box by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen when it was revealed by Acting Sub-Inspector C. Bryon that he had left his stall to give chase to a snatch thief, arresting him in Nanchang Street. Sentence was passed on the snatcher of six months' imprisonment and 12 strokes of the cane.

was cast by posting his name as a defaulter.

The indirect motive which afforded the malice in this case was that the Stewards not only intended to affix this libel on Mr. Brayfield by posting him but they intended also to force him out of the Club if he did not pay—regardless of whether he owed the money or not. Mr. Pearce had said that so far as he knew, plaintiff was acting honestly in disputing the claim.

There was in the Stewards' action, Counsel submitted, sufficient evidence of a gross, unreasoning prejudice for the jury to say that they had abused a privileged occasion.

Further on quoted from another Steward (later revealed by Mr. Potter to be Sir Vandeuleur Grayburn) "I see no reason why the charge should not be paid and less reason for Mr. Brayfield to worry us in this stupid manner. If he does not pay, he should be turned out of the Club."

Mr. Potter, replying, said that this new question of improper motive on the part of the Stewards was never put to Mr. Pearce. He presented the suggestion.

His Lordship: I hold that in this case there is not sufficient evidence of expressed malice to go to the jury.

Mr. Potter, in his address to the jury, said that even assuming that the notice was a libel, the publication of it was a privileged occasion and was without malice.

Therefore judgment for the defendants must be given. However, in order to save the possibility of a re-trial being necessary should the case be brought to the Appeal Court, it was desired for the jury to decide whether or not the money was in fact owing.

SAUCE FOR THE GANDER

Mr. Macnamara had stated that Mr. Brayfield should have been sued, but, in his submission, what was sauce for the goose was sauce for the gander, for Mr. Brayfield could have done the same.

When asked to pay the \$9.10, Mr. Brayfield could have paid under protest, and then brought an action in the Summary Court for the return of the money.

Continuing, counsel said the jury were not asked to give damages for the publicity which had attached to plaintiff after the publication of the notice.

Everyone in the Colony, admittedly, now knew about it, but that was not as a result of the publication of the notice but in consequence of the issue of the writ.

Mr. Potter went on to deal with the evidence and asked the jury to believe the testimony of Tau Kau-po, the trainer.

Mr. Macnamara submitted that Tau could not be believed in view of the way he shifted his ground on many points whilst under cross-examination.

Defendants' counsel went on, had not proved beyond satisfaction that the money was owing, and as regards the question of damages, the jury must take into consideration the fact that being called a defaulter was a very nasty imputation on a man's character.

To say that no one saw the notice was incorrect, when one considered that there were many "boys" in the Club who could read and write English.

THE SUMMING-UP

In his summing-up, His Lordship said that the only question which the jury had to decide was the subsidiary point of whether or no plaintiff owed the Jockey Club \$9.10.

The case for the plaintiff was that during the month of February he was sending in 8 lbs. of fodder a day for the use of his ponies and therefore it was impossible for them to have consumed the excess feed which the trainer had drawn from the stables.

He was corroborated by his mafoos on this point and to a certain extent by Major Hogg, who said that if the ration mentioned was correct it would have been very large.

On the other hand, there was the trainer's denial that any hay was sent, and there was only Mr. Brayfield's word against his.

On behalf of the defence, evidence had been given by the trainer that the excess fodder in question had been supplied by the Jockey Club and consumed by Mr. Brayfield's ponies.

He had also stated that he communicated with Mr. Brayfield on two occasions about this, and that on one Mr. Brayfield replied, "Jockey Club too rich" or words to that effect.

JURY'S VERDICT

After a retirement of 24 minutes

the jury returned their verdict: "We find that the money was not owing. We award damages of one cent Hongkong currency."

Mr. Potter then said: "I ask for judgment with costs."

His Lordship: "I formally enter judgment, as a result of my findings in law, for defendant with costs."

To the jury His Lordship remarked: "That concludes your difficult labours, which were lightened at the end in a way you hardly expected, no more than I."

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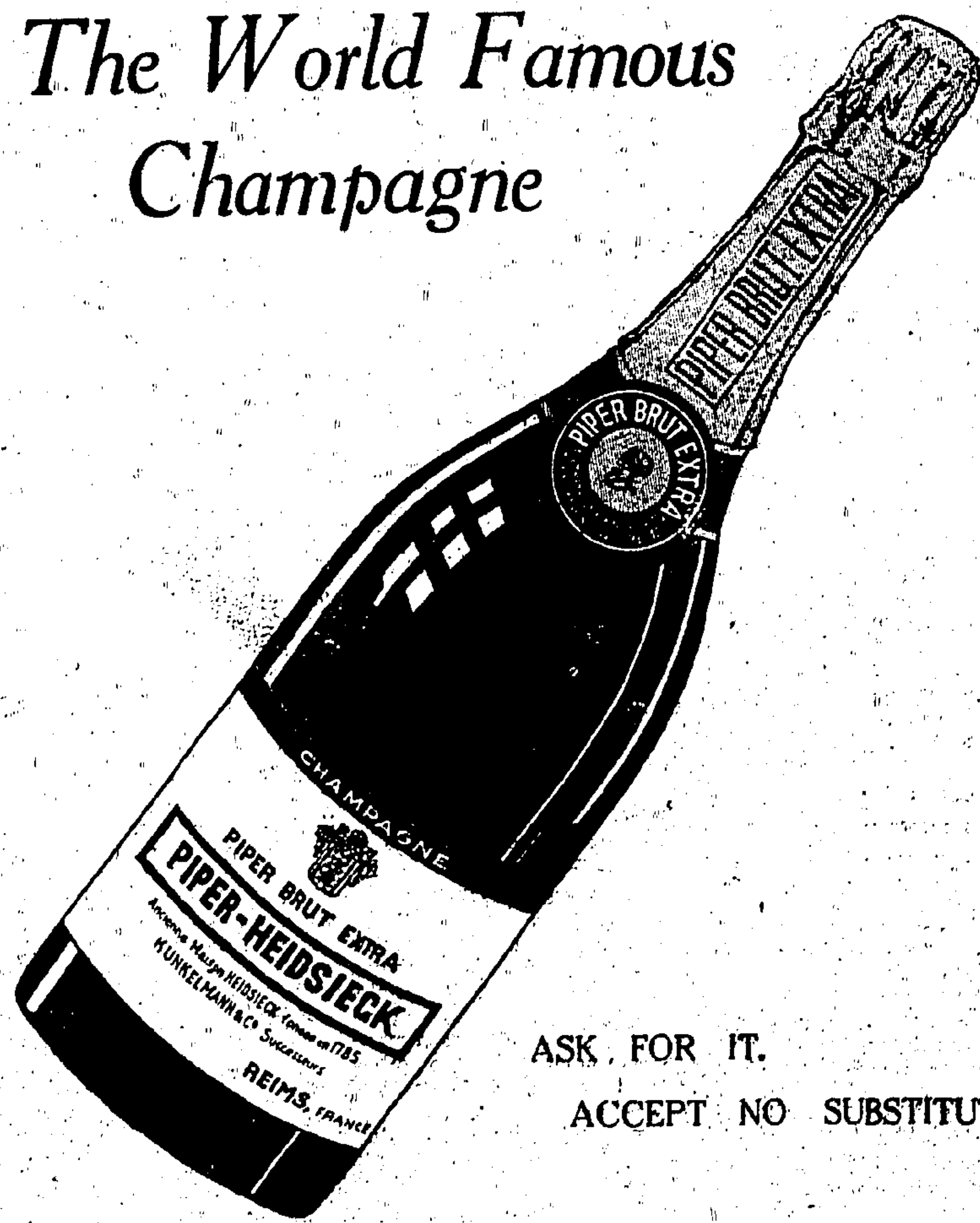
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Britain's Gross Tonnage Shows Decrease

COMPARISONS IN LLOYD'S ANNUAL REPORT

The total gross tonnage afloat at the end of June 1938 was 66,879,000 tons as compared to 45,403,877 tons in 1914 and 24,009,000 tons in 1901, according to the annual report of Lloyd's Registry of Shipping for the year ending June 1938.

Recent discussions in Parliament and elsewhere, states the report, have drawn attention to the present distribution of the merchant fleets of the world, and to the relative position and decline in the numerical superiority of the British Mercantile Marine.

WORLD OUTPUT OF GOLD

September Ahead Of August

World production of gold in September was slightly ahead of that for August in spite of the decline in South Africa, largest producer of the metal, and in Canada, according to statistics prepared by the American Bureau of Metal Statistics.

Increase was due to a gain in output from mines in the United States together with a sharp marking up in estimates of the Mexican production.

Total world output for September, with the exception of Russia, was placed at 2,774,000 ounces, compared with 2,766,000 ounces in August and 2,520,000 ounces for September last year. The highest figure in output for the year was registered in July.

U.S. RECORD

Gold production in the United States reached the highest level since the record of 518,000 ounces was established in August, 1937. Output for September was estimated at 477,000 ounces compared with 467,000 ounces in August and 407,000 for September of last year.

Production in South Africa declined to 1,035,000 ounces, from 1,046,000 in August. Current figures, however, are fairly above those of the same month of 1937 which stood at 884,000 ounces.

Mexican output was estimated at 99,000 ounces, compared with an estimated 70,000 ounces in August and 64,000 ounces in September of last year. Little change was noted in other producing areas.

KIANGSU WHEAT EXPORT

The Kiangsu Provincial Government has prohibited the export of wheat from the province, lest the grain find its way to the Japanese, and is encouraging the establishment of Chinese flour mills in the interior.

Permission has already been granted to 23 flour mills, but so far only 18 of these are operating. Chinese flour mills in Shanghai, however, may import wheat from northern Kiangsu areas, provided applications to the Kiangsu Provincial Government are accompanied by bona fide recommendation from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Flour Mills Owners' Association.

FRENCH

REPRESENTATIVE AT BURGOS URGED

Paris, Dec. 19. The appointment of an official French trade representative to Burgos is advocated in yesterday's "Intransigent," because France is in need of pyrites from Nationalist Spain for her rearmament programme.

Previous to the present difficult situation France, according to the paper, imported one million tons of pyrites, of which two-thirds came from Nationalist Spain—Transocean.

CENTRAL BANK'S OFFICE FOUND

The Canton branch of the Central Bank of China, which, immediately after the fall of Canton, was moved to Hongkong, has now found a permanent site in the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, where it will soon be officially opened.

The Kwangchowwan branch of the Bank of China is also to be opened as soon as the business license has been obtained from the French authorities.

NEW TAXATION IN COLONY

Committee To Study Methods

In pursuance of the intention stated in the address of His Excellency the Governor to the Legislative Council on October 13, His Excellency has now been pleased to appoint a committee of inquiry with the following personnel and terms of reference:—

Personnel:—The Honourable Mr. S. Caine (Chairman), Sir V. M. Grayburn, Kt., Mr. D. J. Sloes, C.B.E., M.A., The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. J. Fleming, and Mr. C. B. Burgess (Secretary).

Terms of Reference:—To consider and report what methods of taxation could best be adopted in the Colony, should it be necessary to raise additional revenue, having regard to the Colony's general economic position and the importance of distributing any additional burden in the most equitable manner in relation to the incidence of existing taxation.

The first meeting will be held on Thursday, December 29 at 5 p.m.

GOLD RUSH IN FUKIEN

Foochow, Dec. 18.

There is a gold rush in the district of Changting, in west Fukien, where gold is said to have been found in the creeks and rivulets.

In addition to the natives, at least 1,000 Kiangsu people are said to have crossed the border to take part in the scramble for gold.

The Fukien Provincial Government is now studying plans for large-scale exploitation.—Central News.

ITALO-GERMAN MEMORANDUM ON SUEZ CANAL

Genoa, Dec. 19.

Italian and German shipping interests are drafting a memorandum to submit to their respective governments regarding the question of the Suez Canal, it is understood in business circles here.

The memorandum will give figures of Italian and German traffic through the canal and will set forth technical facts and criticize the high canal dues.

Italian and German shipping interests recently considered the possibility of taking the Cape route to the East, but it was decided that this was only practicable for ships travelling to and from Australia.—Reuter.

LIMA CONFERENCE AND INVESTORS IN LATIN AMERICA

New York, Dec. 19.

The Pan-American Conference has postponed for five years decision on the resolution urging adoption of the principal that foreign investors in Latin America should not be entitled to diplomatic protection except in cases where justice is denied them by local courts, states the Lima correspondent of the "New York Times."

It is added that the Conference referred the question to the committee of experts on codification of international law for further study, ordering the committee to report at the ninth Conference five years hence.—Reuter.

CLASSIFICATION OF TRADES

The Ministry of Economics in Chungking has made classifications of important commercial and industrial undertakings.

Grain, tea, drugs etc. numbering 24 categories, are classified as important commercial undertakings; plant oil, raw silk, tea, cow-hide, sheepskin etc. numbering eight categories, are classified as important exporting undertakings; and electric appliances, printing machines etc. numbering 23 categories, are classified as important industrial undertakings.

BOMBAY SILVER

Unofficial Quotations

Bombay, Dec. 19.

Ready 51-00
January 16 Settlement 50-14
February 14 Settlement 50-12
Market—Quiet.

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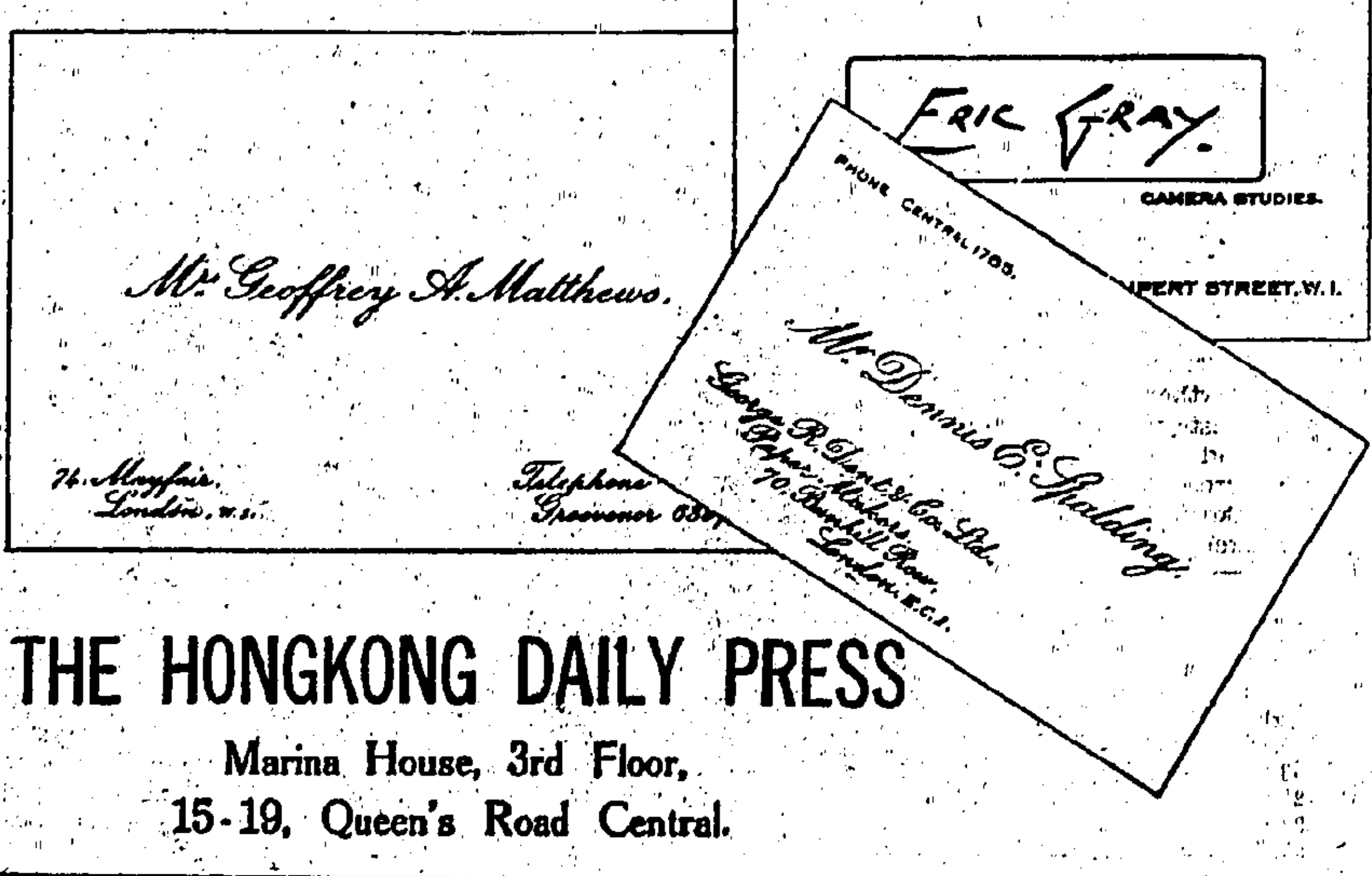
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FRIDAY, the 23rd DECEMBER, 1938.

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At their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF TOYS AND XMAS CRACKERS

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MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 19, 1938

ON LONDON:—	
Telegraphic Transfer.....	1/8
Bank Bills, on demand.....	1/8
Credits, 60 days' sight.....	1/8
ON SHANGHAI:—	
On demand.....	170 nom.
ON SINGAPORE:—	
On demand.....	34
ON JAPAN:—	
On demand.....	1/8
ON INDIA:—	
Telegraphic Transfer.....	3
and demand.....	3
ON NEW YORK:—	
Bank Bills, on demand.....	24-1/16
Credits, 60 days' sight.....	24-1/16
ON BATAVIA:—	
On demand.....	63-1/16
ON PARIS:—	
Bank Bills, on demand.....	1095
Credits, 4 months' sight.....	1160
ON SAIGON:—	
On demand.....	1091
ON MANILA:—	
On demand.....	58
ON BANGKOK:—	
On demand.....	1493
Sterling Notes.....	1/3 1/16
Bank Buying Rate.....	1/3 1/16
Bar Silver per oz.....	20

Market Report

From Rosa Bros.
Silver prices rose 1/16 over the week-end for both deliveries, the quotations being 20 for Ready and 19 3/8 for Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being steady with a little speculative and American buying. American Silver was quoted at 42 3/4 for Spot.

The London /New York cross-rate was quoted at 467.25. New York /London was quoted at 467.9/16.

Market

Steady but extremely dull.

Sterling

Nothing doing. There were sellers at 1/3 December /January, 1/2 31/32 February /March and 1/2 15/16 April /June, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash /January, 1/3 February /March and 1/2 31/32 May /June.

U.S. Dollars

Sellers at 29 1/4 for cash, 29 3/16 December /January, 29 1/8 February and 29 1/16 March, buyers at 29 5/16 Cash, 29 1/4 first half of January, 29 3/16 first half of February and 29 1/8 first half of March.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers at 180.

Shanghai Market

Steady but quiet. Sellers of Sterling at 8 5/16 for Spot and U.S. Dollars at 16 3/16 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon and no business was reported.

Sterling

Finished with sellers at 1/3 December /January, 1/2 31/32 February /March and 1/2 15/16 April /June, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash /January, 1/3 February /March and 1/2 31/32 May /June.

U.S. Dollars

The market closed with sellers at 29 1/4 for cash, 29 3/16 December /January, 29 1/8 February and 29 1/16 March, buyers at 29 5/16 Cash, 29 1/4 first half of January, 29 3/16 first half of February and 29 1/8 first half of March.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers at 180 1/4, buyers at 180 1/2.

Shanghai Exchange

Official T.T. Rates

Shanghai, Dec. 19.

	Opening
London.....	0/8
New York.....	15-5/8
Japan.....	56-7/8
Paris.....	548
Hongkong.....	53-3/8

Open Market—Selling Rates

	Opening	Closing
Spot.....	0/8-5/16	0/8-5/16
December.....	0/8-5/16	0/8-5/16
January.....	0/8-19/64	0/8-9/32
February.....	0/8-15/64	0/8-7/32

U.S. Dollars

	Spot	December	January	February
Spot.....	\$16-3/16	\$16-3/16	\$16-3/16	\$16-3/16
December.....	\$16-3/16	\$16-3/16	\$16-3/16	\$16-3/16
January.....	\$16-1/8	\$16-3/32	\$16-3/32	\$16-3/32
February.....	\$16	\$16-31/32	\$16-31/32	\$16-31/32

Market—Very quiet.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/8-5/16.

U.S. Dollars, \$16-3/16.

—Reuter.

Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. to-day was 1/2-1/24, unchanged from Saturday.

The Equalisation rate was 5 per cent.

—Reuter.

H. K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Dec. 19.

Quiet conditions prevailed during the day, but there are signs of the lower priced shares again becoming the medium of interest.

Buyers

Douglases, \$61.
H. K. & K. Wharves, \$115.
H. K. Docks (Old), \$184.
Providents (Old), \$61.
Providents (New), \$3.
H. & S. Hotels, \$61.
H. K. Lands, \$353.
H. K. Realities, \$5.
H. K. Tramways, \$17.10.
Star Ferries, \$714.
Sandakan Lights, \$103.
Watsons, \$7.45.
Entertainments, \$6.40.
H. K. Govt. 4 per cent Loan, 6 per cent pm.
H. K. Govt. 3 1/2 per cent Loan, par.

Sellers

H. K. & K. Wharves, \$117.
Humphreys, \$9.
Yaumati Ferries (Old), \$221.
Dairy Farms, \$24.60.
Lane, Crawford, \$8.
Constructions, \$11.

Sales

Hongkong Bank, \$1335.
H. K. Docks (Old), \$184.
H. & S. Hotels, \$61.
China Lights (Old), \$10.30.

(Prices below in Phil. Currency).

Antamoks, 49.
Atoks, 24.
Bagulo Gold, 23.
Benguet Consol., 12.50.
Coco Grove, 481.
Demonstrations, 27.
I. X. L., 60.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(Through Reuter's Service)

QUOTATIONS

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express.....	101	Int. Tel. & Tel.....	9 1/2
Alleghany Steel Co.....	26 1/2	Johns Manville.....	103
Allis Chalmers.....	46 1/2	Kennecott Copper.....	43 1/2
Amerada Corp.....	68 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass.....	53 1/2
Amer. Can.....	97 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft.....	32 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power.....	31 1/2	Loew's Inc.....	51 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Pfl.....	17 1/2	Martin, Glen L.....	34 1/2
Amer. Locomotive.....	38	McKesson & Robbins, \$3 pf.....	109 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.....	17 1/2	Monsanto Chemical.....	109 1/2
Amer. Radiator.....	37 1/2	Montgomery Ward.....	51 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill.....	21	Nat. Dairy Products.....	12 1/2
Amer. S. & W. R. Co.....	50 1/2	Nat. Distillers.....	27
Amer. Sugar R'ing.....	20 1/2	National Gypsum.....	15 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.....	147 1/2	National Lead.....	25 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B".....	85 1/2	Nat. Power & Light.....	7 1/2
Amer. Waterworks.....	13 1/2	Nat. Supply Corp.....	14
Anacosta Copper.....	34 1/2	New York Central.....	18
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.....	37 1/2	N. American Aviation.....	17 1/2
Auburn Motors.....	33 1/2	North American Co.....	21 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio.....	6 1/2	Northern Pacific.....	11 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.....	20 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.....	29
Barnsdall Oil.....	17 1/2	Pacific Lighting.....	—
Bethlehem Steel.....	75	Packard Motors.....	44
Boeing Airplane Co.....	32 1/2	Paramount Pictures.....	12 1/2
Borg-Warner.....	31 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.....	21
Biggs Manufacturing.....	29 1/2	Phelps-Dodge.....	43 1/2
Brooklyn-Mhattan Trans.....	12 1/2	Phillips Petroleum.....	41 1/2
B'klyn-Mhattan \$5 cum pf.....	40 1/2	Public Service of N.J.....	30 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way.....	5 1/2	Pure Oil.....	10 1/2
Case, J.I.....	88 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.....	7 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio.....	35 1/2	Republic Steel.....	23 1/2
Chrysler Corp.....	43 1/2	Reynold Tobacco "B".....	43 1/2
Columbia Gas & El.....	61	Schenley Distillers.....	17 1/2
Columbia 6% "A" pf.....	70 1/2	Schenley, 5 1/2 ptd.....	71
Commercial.....	58	Sears Roebuck.....	74 1/2
Commonwealth & S. (ord.).....	144	Shell Union Oil.....	144
Cwealth & S. 6% cum pf.....	46 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil.....	13 1/2
Consolidated Edison.....	29 1/2	Southern Pacific.....	18
Consolidated Oil.....	8 1/2	Southern Ry 4 1/2 ptd.....	30
Continental Can.....	39 1/2	Standard Brands.....	8 1/2
Continental Oil.....	30 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.....	3 1/2
Corn Products.....	63 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.....	51 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C).....	61	Stone & Webster.....	14 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A".....	26 1/2	Swift International.....	—
Distillers Corp. Beagran.....	19 1/2	Technicolor.....	20 1/2
Douglas Aircraft.....	77 1/2	Texas Corp.....	44 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours.....	149 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur.....	31 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead.....	12 1/2	Trans-America Co.....	5 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share.....	10 1/2	20th Cent. Fox.....	25 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.....	62	20th Cent. Fox \$1 1/2 pf.....	34
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.....	66	Union Carbide & Carbon.....	87 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.....	36 1/2	Union Pacific.....	90 1/2
Flintkote.....	27 1/2	United Aircraft.....	41 1/2
Gen. American Trans.....	54 1/2	United Airlines Trans.....	12 1/2
Gen. Electric.....	43	United Corp.....	3
Gen. Motors.....	49 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.....	34 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal.....	23 1/2	United Gas Corp.....	2 1/2
Glidden Co.....	24	United Gas Improvement.....	10 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.).....	24 1/2	U.S. Rubber.....	51 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pf.....	64 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$8 ptd.....	98 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.....	36 1/2	U.S. Steel.....	64 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore.....	13 1/2	Vanadium.....	27 1/2
Great Northern Ry. ptd.....	26 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.....	58
Great Western Sugar.....	24 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.....	118 1/2
Greyhound Corp.....	20 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.....	—
Hecker Products.....	10 1/2	Chase National Bank.....	29 1/2
Homestake Mining.....	62 1/2	National City Bank.....	22 1/2
Int. Nickel.....	53 1/2		

*—bid. —ex div.

DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1938	Dec. 18, 1938	Change
High	154.41	150.90	3.51
Low	154.41	150.90	3.51
Dow Jones Average	154.41	150.90	3.51
Industrial	154.41	150.90	3.51
Rail	154.41	150.90	3.51
Utilities	154.41	150.90	3.51
Bonds	154.41	150.90	3.51
Commodity Index	154.41	150.90	3.51

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RELIEF WORK IN TERRITORIES

Aid For Expectant Mothers

At the end of November when the members of the Hongkong Branch of the National Women's Relief Association went to the New Territories Refugee Camps with a truckful of clothing and bread, they found about 1,800 people at Sun Tien and about 3,000 people at Ha Chun left outside of the Government camps which were already full and were fed by the philanthropists in the two localities. Among these refugees, there were a large number of sick and expectant mothers who needed urgent medical attention and care. The H.K. Branch of the National Women's Relief Association immediately joined hands with the 4th Unit of the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association, consisting of 14 women nurses and two women doctors, to look after them with Dr. Chiang Fa-hin and Dr. Raman Ma doing the weekly visit. The National Women's Relief Association supplies medicines and instruments.

On Dec. 2 and 3, the Sun Tien Relief Station and the Ha Chun Relief Station were operated by them with one half of the Unit at each Station. All the refugees are being vaccinated and up to now, about 70 per cent of the refugees have been already vaccinated. The sick and expectant mothers in the two stations were taken to the hospitals in the Association's ambulance and private cars. As a result of satisfactory management, the number of refugees at Sun Tien had been increased from 1,800 to 6,000 by the end of last week.

With voluntary contributions from the Hongkong public and the inhabitants of the two localities, there are enough rice to last for half a month for these 9,000 people at the two Stations. The National Women's Relief Association are supplying meat, fish, vegetables and fuel and gasoline for ambulance and cars. Fuel is now most needed as ten dollars' worth of fuel is used each day consisting of cheap pine sticks at 90 cents per picul.

Two maternity beds are being built at Sun Tien and Ha Chun for the care of expectant mothers in cases in which there is not enough time to send them to hospitals. Each matched costs about \$100 and is big enough to accommodate from eight to ten women.

TRADE PACT BETWEEN U.S. AND TURKEY

Ankara, Dec. 19.
 A trade agreement based on the most-favoured-nation clause according to a semi-official Turkish news agency, has been signed between Turkey and the United States. Payments by the United States to Turkey are to be made by way of a clearing system. Transocean.

It is notified for general information that the Agreement between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Turkish Government, respecting Trade and Clearing of September 2, 1936, has been supplemented by an Agreement (with Agreed Minute) of May 27, 1938. A copy of the supplementary Agreement (with Agreed Minute) may be inspected at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES

SILVER LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM
 NEW YORK & SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Motor Vessel
 "SILVERSANDAL"
 having arrived from the above Ports on 17th instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Friday, 23rd instant, at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within 15 Days of the vessel's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th inst., 1938, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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 Hong Kong, 17th Dec., 1938.

BRITISH GUNBOATS AT HANKOW

Hankow, Dec. 18.
 The British gunboats, Cricket and Aphs, arrived here yesterday at 3.45 p.m. on the return trip from Shanghai.

Four British gunboats are due to proceed down the river and will start at 7 a.m. to-morrow. They are the Mantos and Peterel, which are proceeding to Shanghai, the Tern, which is proceeding to Nan-king and the Gnat, which is proceeding to Wuhu.

Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt, commanding the British Yangtze Patrol, in addition to 13 officers and a reserve force of 100 bluejackets, which reinforced the British contingent on guard here at the time of the fall of Hankow, will be accommodated on board.

About 12 civilians will also be squeezed on to the gunboats, sleeping in ward rooms and other available space.

Numerous official and private functions during the past week have indicated Hankow's gratitude for the presence of the bluejackets during the occupation of Hankow. —Reuter.

CULTIVATION IN KANSU

Lanchow, Dec. 18.
 The Kansu Provincial Government is encouraging the cultivation of tea, lacquer and tung trees.

Lungu, south of Lanchow and districts further south where there is a temperate climate, have been marked out by the provincial authorities for the planting of these trees.—Central News.

MORE U.S. WHEAT SOLD TO BRITAIN

The marketing division of the U.S. Agricultural Adjustment Administration announced last week that it had arranged the sale of an additional 5,000,000 bushels of American wheat to the United Kingdom.

This sale brings total U.S.

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OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LTD.
 AND
 CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Co.'s Vessel
 "HELENUS"
 FROM UNITED KINGDOM
 VIA SINGAPORE

are hereby notified that their Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 19th Dec.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th Dec., will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 9th Jan., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

19th December, 1938.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

KLAVERNESS LINE.

FROM
 PORTLAND, TACOMA, SEATTLE,
 SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES.

THE S.S.
 "ROSEVELL"
 having arrived, consignees of cargo by her are informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be carried on, unless notice to the contrary be given prior to arrival of steamer.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after 26th Dec., 1938, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the underwriter on or before 2nd Jan., 1939, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by the steamer's surveyor on the 26th Dec., 1938, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE (OBINA) LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1938.

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

(Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police).

CHINESE COMPANY
 Strength. The following have been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company as from the 12th December, 1938:—

Constables R106 Tang Shiu-woon, R203 Lui Chi-chiu, R112 Chan Ching-man, R105 Lam Kwok-yiu, R109 Lai Tsang-tsam, R107 Woo Choi-sin, R108 Woo Tak-sin, and R110 Chan Kai-wah.

Training Course—Part II. The undermentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend Company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course (Knowledge of Police Duties and Regulations) on Tuesday, December 20 at 17.30 hours:—

Constables R9 Wang May-on, R15 S. C. H. Liang, R40 Leung Kin-sang, R66 Lau Kwan-po, R108 Tang Shiu-woon, R26 Lui Chi-chiu, R112 Chan Ching-man, R105 Lam Kwok-yiu, R109 Lai Tsang-tsam, R107 Woo Choi-sin, R108 Woo Tak-sin, and R110 Chan Kai-wah.

Patrol Duty. Nightly between 18.00 hours and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

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C. CHAMPKIN,
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Hongkong, Monday, Dec. 19.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE M.V.
 "SAUERLAND"
 having arrived from Hamburg and Ports of call, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given 48 hours prior to Vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th Dec., 1938, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 24th Dec., 1938, at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All Claims must reach us before the 26th Jan., 1939, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JEBSEN & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, 19th Dec., 1938.

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are hereby notified that their Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 17th Dec.

Optional cargo will not be landed here unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th Dec., will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 7th Jan., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1938.

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 HAKUSAN MARU 14th Jan.
 HARUNA MARU 28th Jan.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Davao, Thursday Island, Brisbane.
 ATUTA MARU 24th Dec.
 KITANO MARU 26th Jan.

BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.
 BRITISH MONARCH 27th Dec.
 HAKODATE MARU 10th Jan.

RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore.
 TUSIMA MARU 25th Dec.
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 YASUKUNI MARU (via Shanghai) 10th Jan.
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Jeyapore, British, 3,209 registered tons, Captain F. Ahler, from Mofl. at buoy No. A2, 4 p.m.—M. M. and Co. (Tel. 27721).

Temeraire, Norwegian, 3,926 registered tons, Capt. M. Vaumand, from Japan and Shanghai, at buoy No. A10, a.m.—Thoresen and Co. (Tel. 30337).

Peiping, Swedish, 3,835 registered tons, Captain R. W. Ahlberg, from Europe via Manila, at Hol's Wharf, 8 a.m.—Gliman & Co. (Tel. 30966).

Yochow, British, 1,629 registered tons, Captain D. Wilson, from Haiphong, Pakhol and Holhow, at buoy No. B2, a.m.—B. and S. (Tel. 30331).

Glenapp, British, 5,802 registered tons, Captain L. W. Kersley, from Japan and Shanghai, at buoy No. A11, 7 a.m.—J. M. and Co. (Tel. 30311).

Sul Sang, British, 2,208 registered tons, from Osaka and Kobe, at buoy No. A5, 7 a.m.—J. M. and Co. (Tel. 30311).

Ixon, British, 6,504 registered tons, Captain R. J. Sturrock, from Victoria, Seattle, Japan and Shanghai, at buoy No. A9, 7 a.m.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Prominent, Norwegian, 1,377 registered tons, Captain K. Gjertsen, from Swatow, at buoy No. B12—K. Larssen & Co. (Tel. 20998).

Heleneus, British, 4,071 reg. tons, Capt. J. Park, from United Kingdom and Straits, at Hol's Wharf, —B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Hunan, British, 1,621 registered tons, Captain J. B. Bruce, from Shanghai and Swatow, at buoy No. B1—B. and S. (Tel. 30331).

Tsinan, British, 2,100 registered tons, Captain J. K. Clark, from Shanghai and Amoy, at buoy No. B21—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Tai Yang, Norwegian, 3,903 registered tons, Captain H. Akselsen, from Manila, at buoy No. A3—Dodwell & Co. (Tel. 28021).

Amberton, British, 3,245 registered tons, Captain Geo. Bruth, from Singapore, at Naval buoy No. 18—Masters.

Tak Sang, British, 1,894 registered tons, Captain B. Bidwell, from Swatow, at Stonecutters—J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).

Alice Moller, British, 3,145 reg. tons, Captain E. P. Coleman, from Shanghai, at Yaumati—A. E. Gerondal (Tel. 33337).

Ashworth, British, 3,145 registered tons, Captain A. W. Goten, from Milke, at Stonecutters—M. B. K. (Tel. 30271).

DUE TO-MORROW

Carthage, British, 7,065 registered tons, Captain H. Williams, from London and Singapore, at Kowloon Wharf, a.m.—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

Sirdhana, British, 4,835 registered tons, Captain J. Rudge, from Calcutta and Straits, at Kowloon Wharf, p.m.—M. M. and Co. (Tel. 27721).

Astoria, from New York, Japan and Shanghai, at Kowloon Wharf, a.m.—Jebson & Co. (Tel. 31265).

Empress of Russia, British, 8,789 reg. tons, Captain J. F. Patrick, from Manila, at Kowloon Wharf, a.m.—C. P. S. (Tel. 20752).

Jean Laborde, French, 6,593 registered tons, Captain Ivan Fichet, from Marseilles and Saigon, at Kowloon Wharf, a.m.—M. M. (Tel. 26651).

Sagres, British, 1,443 registered tons, Captain J. M. Morren, from Swatow, at Douglas Wharf, a.m.—Douglas & Co. (Tel. 28037).

Jean Laborde, French, 6,593 registered tons, Captain Ivan Fichet, from Kowloon Wharf, for Shanghai and Kobe, p.m.—M. M. (Tel. 26651).

Hal Yang, British, 1,431 reg. tons, Captain W. G. Erwin, from Douglas Wharf, for Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Wenchow, 4 p.m.—Douglas & Co. (Tel. 28037).

Tsinan, British, 2,100 registered tons, Captain J. K. Clark, from buoy No. B21, for Amoy and Shanghai, 5 p.m.—B. and S. (Tel. 30331).

Helios, Norwegian, 1,113 registered tons, Capt. J. Hansen, from buoy No. C1, for Swatow and Bangkok, a.m.—Thoresen and Co. (Tel. 30237).

Jeyapore, British, 3,209 registered tons, Captain F. Ahler, from buoy No. A2, for Straits, Colombo, Bombay and Karachi, p.m.—M. M. and Co. (Tel. 27721).

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M.V. JEAN LABORDE
 The m.v. Jean Laborde (Messageries Maritimes), which was due to sail from Hongkong on Wednesday, the 21st instant has been delayed. She will most probably arrive in Hongkong on Friday, the 23rd inst. In the morning and will be dispatched for Kobe via Shanghai on the same day at an hour which we will confirm as soon as possible.

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Mui Hock, Norwegian, 1,305 registered tons, Captain P. Ellertsen, from buoy B4, for Bangkok, p.m.—Chin Seng Hong (Tel. 25291).

Sauerland, German, 4,194 registered tons, Captain Tugen, from Kowloon Wharf, for Shanghai, Dairen, Yokohama and Kobe, 6 a.m.—Jebson & Co. (Tel. 31205).

Canton, French, 978 registered tons, Capt. G. Charlot, from buoy No. B5, for Haiphong, 4 p.m.—M. M. (Tel. 26651).

Klungchow, British, 1,546 registered tons, Captain J. Hodgkiss, from buoy No. B20, for Swatow and Shanghai, 10 a.m.—B. and S. (Tel. 30331).

Kwangtung, British, 1,572 registered tons, Captain J. R. Nisbet, from buoy No. B14, for Holhow, Pakhol and Haiphong, 2 p.m.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Jean Dupuis, French, 386 registered tons, Captain Lavalley, from buoy No. B11, for K. C. Wan and Haiphong, 4 p.m.—B. and S. (Tel. 30331).

Tai Poo Sek, French, 1,219 reg. tons, Captain J. Bonhamour, from buoy No. B16, for K. C. Wan, 4 p.m.—Tal Fung & Co. (Tel. 20093).

Peiping, Swedish, 3,835 registered tons, Captain R. W. Ahlberg, from Hol's Wharf, for Yokohama, Osaka and Kobe, p.m.—Gliman and Co. (Tel. 30966).

Tai Yang, Norwegian, 3,903 registered tons, Captain H. Akselsen, from buoy No. B3, for Keelung, Shanghai, Los Angeles, New York and Boston via Keelung, p.m.—Dodwell & Co. (Tel. 28021).

Temeraire, Norwegian, 3,926 registered tons, Capt. M. Vaumand, from buoy No. A10, for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Aden, Port Sudan, Port Said, Algiers, Casablanca, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg and Oslo, p.m.—Thoresen and Co. (Tel. 30237).

Hermord, Norwegian, 840 registered tons, Captain Ellassen, from North Point Wharf, for Haiphong, 9 a.m.—Thoresen and Co. (Tel. 30237).

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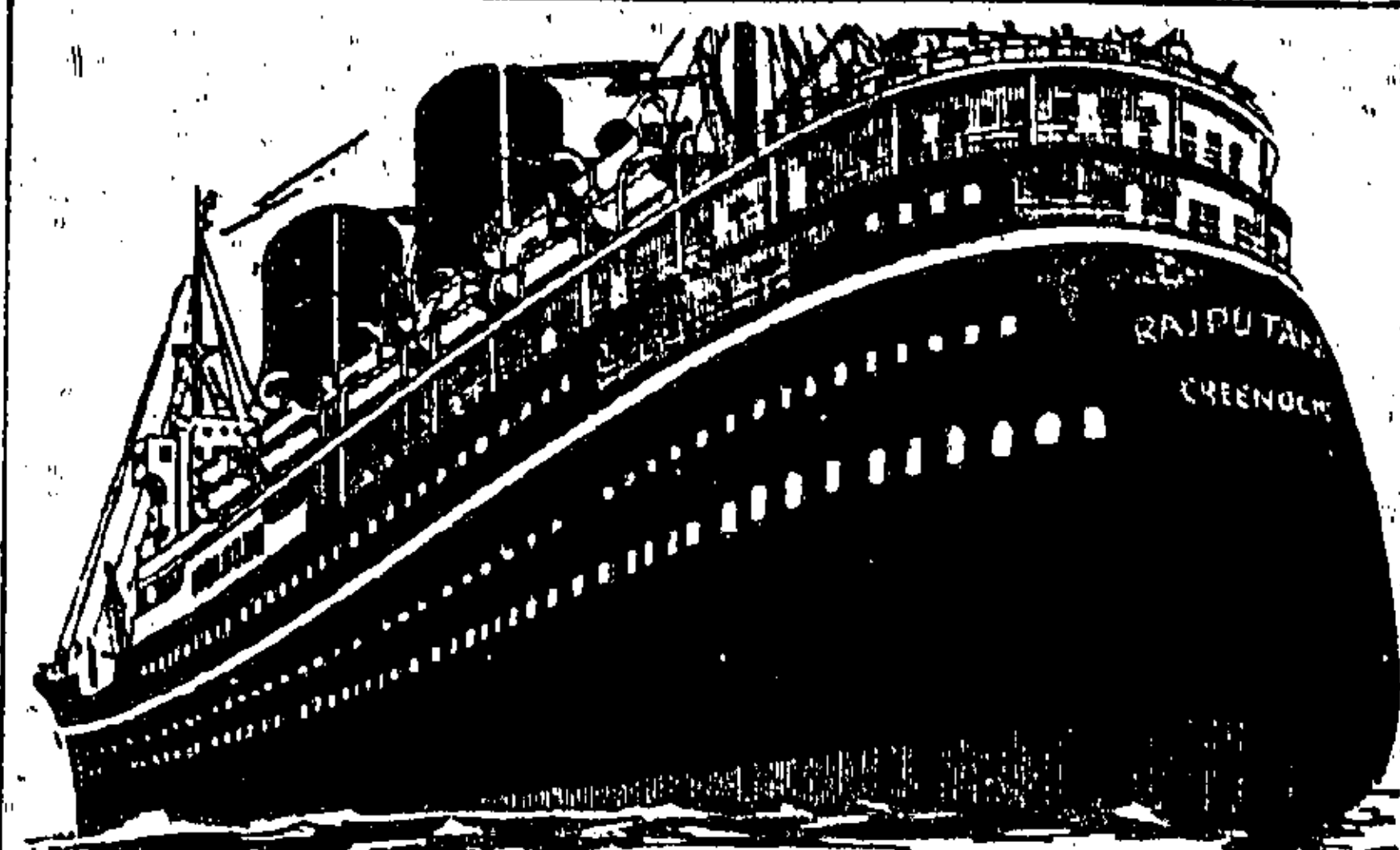
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RANCHI	7,000	21st Jan.	Shanghai & Japan
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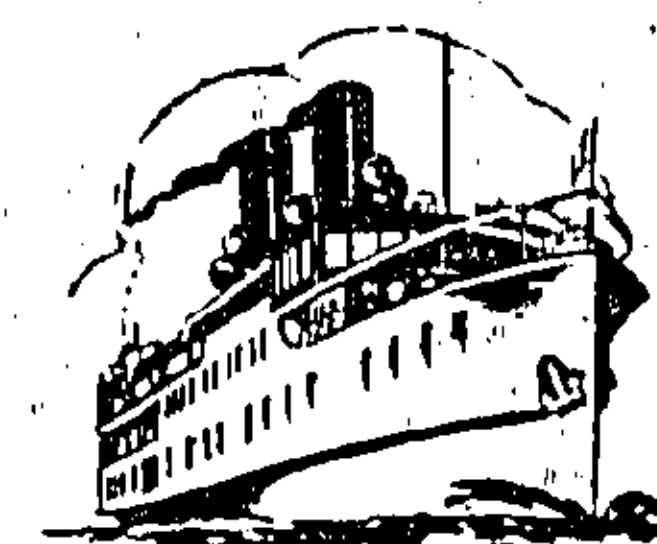
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The preliminary Exhibition at the Chinese Y.W.C.A., under the management of the Relief Bazaar Committee, which was sponsored by Madame Sun Yat-sen, was satisfactorily closed yesterday.

The Chinese National Women's Relief Association won top honours by collecting more than 1,000 exhibits, while other organisations, including the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association and the Chinese Y.W.C.A. also succeeded in obtaining many valuable contributions.

The total value of the collection exceeds \$100,000, a sum which is beyond the expectation of the Committee.

CHINA HAILS ANGLO-U.S. CO-OPERATION

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implies that there has been no anti-Soviet feeling. For they differ in nature. In her anti-Soviet programme, it is only a question of political thought, whereas against the Anglo-Saxons, the wide problem of material interests is involved. In the past, all Japanese politicians and diplomats who somewhat savoured of liberal ideas attached great significance to Britain and the United States. But, antagonized by the fanatic militarists, they have in the recent years been "liquidated" one after another. And the incorrigible ones have even met their deaths.

A drastic change took place in Japan's politics after September 18, 1931. Recently, the fanatic militarists have completely obtained power. They consider Britain and the United States to be of the same species, the difference being only in the order of dealing with them. Taking advantage of the existence of the isolationist trend in the United States, they have devoted their whole attention to dealing first with Britain, and temporarily placating the United States. But as a matter of fact, they consider the United States to be their final, as well as their strongest opponent in the Pacific, a fact which has long been understood by American strategists.

Why could Japan not have been checked after the invasion of Manchuria? It was solely due to non-co-operation between Britain and the United States. At that time, the United States was eager to take positive action, but Britain hesitated, consequently the co-operation between the League of Nations and the United States ended in failure. Since that time, the United States began to realise her impotency, and started to re-arm instead of talking.

Japan, taking notice of the attitude of the United States, and British assistance in making a success of the reform of China's monetary system, as well as the bright prospects of China's unification and national reconstruction, made up her mind accordingly and launched a big offensive on China. She flirted with Italy and Germany diplomatically in order to check Britain in the Mediterranean. It should be recalled that, on the day of the signature of the Berlin-Tokyo Anti-Comintern Pact, Japan's Foreign Minister was the present Hachiro Arita. Once, in front of a group of journalists, Mr. Arita kissed Hitler's portrait, his face beaming with delight. He was happy because it meant to him that, henceforth Japan might play a part in Europe, and hold a powerful rein on Britain and on Soviet Russia.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION
Ever since the invasion of China last year, with the infrig-

DOUBLE OBSEQUIES AT VALLEY CEMETERY

Mr. James Sinclair White And Wife Laid To Rest

The double funeral of Mr. James Sinclair White and his wife, Mrs. Dolly White, whose deaths occurred within 24 hours of each other at Kowloon, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Cyril Brown, Chaplain of the Missions to Seamen, officiated at a service held in the Chapel of the Resurrection, and later at the graveside. A large gathering of relatives and friends attended.

The late Mr. White, who was 63 years of age, was formerly Chief Engineer of the s.s. Pook On. He was the son of Lieut. J. R. White, R.N. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital only a few days ago and died on Sunday. His wife took ill yesterday morning, and was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital where she died of shock. Mrs. White was 57.

The chief mourners at the funeral yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. M. Berreux, (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. W. J. White and Mr. V. H. White (sons), Mr. and Mrs. George J. White (son and daughter-in-law), Miss Gertrude White (daughter), Mr. Frank W. White (brother), and Mr. D. Fernandez.

Among those present were Captains G. A. Frew, T. Jones, C. R. Benstead, A. H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. Becker, Dr. E. L. Souza, Mrs. J. Chalm, Mrs. T. Sing, Miss E. Banker, Miss E. Bliss, Miss F. Wong, Messrs. E. Zimmermann, W. E. Kirby, H. Gubbay, S. MacNider, T. Bolt, E. Potter, O. M. Omar, W. Broadbridge, E. F. Fincher, E. Humphreys, F. V. Wong, C. E. Wong, T. A. Nicholas, G. Buchanan, F. Schepel, D. Knox, W. Knox, C. Allen, G. Winch, J. Willis, H. C. Brown and E. F. Brown and a number of watchmen of the Gloucester Building.

Two wreaths from "His children" and "Her children" were interred with the remains.

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THE THREE BEARS' PANTOMIME

The Helena May Institute's pantomime, "The Three Bears," will be played to-day, there being one performance commencing at 5.30 p.m. Adults will be admitted at one dollar and children at 50 cents.

Owing to the great demand for tickets and the number of people disappointed it has been decided to give the third and last performance on Thursday, December 22, at 5.30 p.m.

ing of the interests of various Powers, Japan has showed special consideration towards the United States. The difference in the coolness and warmth of her expressions of regret with regard to the bombing of the British Ambassador, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, and the Panay incident respectively are noteworthy. Plainly speaking, she was convinced that Britain would not be able to take a strong attitude, and, in order to thwart Anglo-American co-operation, she demonstrated special consideration to the United States in every trifle. This has been especially marked in her speech and propaganda.

In the course of the past year or more, the Japanese press has been consistent in its anti-British propaganda drive, without mentioning a single thing about the United States.

Taking the most recent example, Britain and the United States granted credits to China simultaneously. American credits have virtually been granted, but the British loan has still not yet been granted. Yet the "Asahi Shimbun" only attacked Britain, at the same time expressing its hope that the United States would guard against being caught in a trap. Apparently, Japan is consistent in her policy. It must not be thought that she really has any particular liking for the United States. She is motivated by fear of the possible success of Anglo-American co-operation and because she realizes that British

politicians are experienced and not to be deceived, whereas the United States, has several senators and politicians who are still not very clear on the international problems. She therefore thinks she can beguile part of the American public opinion, so that it may serve to restrain the United States Government.

JAPAN IN TRUE COLOURS
At present, Japan's true colours has been disclosed completely. She in fact aims at subjugating China, dominating the continent, shutting the open door, and denouncing all treaties. Should this ambition be satisfied, she will add with the natural resources and man-power of China, increase her might and then dominate the whole of Asia and the Pacific.

The most significant facts at present are the bare faced rejection of British, French and American protests, and the hindering of free trade by the various Powers. A most flagrant case is the blockading of the foreign concessions in Tientsin and Hankow. Under the circumstances, Britain and the United States can stand aloof no longer. The credits to China at the present time signify that Britain and the United States equally and jointly denounce Japan's acts in abrogating the treaties and in invading China. This action has dealt the Japanese militarists a heavy moral blow. They are forced to be apprehensive of possible second, and third, steps of Britain and the United States in joint action.

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Japan	Jeppore	20th Dec.
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Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Yochow	20th Dec.
Manila	Fei Ping	20th Dec.
Amoy	Cremer	20th Dec.
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Manila	Emp. of Russia	21st Dec.
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Manila	Phemius	22nd Dec.
Straits	Boisvalin	22nd Dec.
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Shanghai	Bellerophon	22nd Dec.
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WEDNESDAY		
Swatow and Amoy	Halyang	1.00 PM
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Sandakan	Hinsang	8.30 AM
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Haiphong	Taksang	1.00 PM
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Manila	Pres. Adams	10.30 AM
Swatow and Tientsin	Kwaiyang	10.30 AM
Shanghai and Japan	Jean Laborde	1.30 PM
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Manila and Naples—due Naples, 16th January.	Sulyang	2.30 PM
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SUNDAY		
Amoy	Anhui	8.00 AM
Swatow and Tientsin	Tingsang	9.00 AM

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